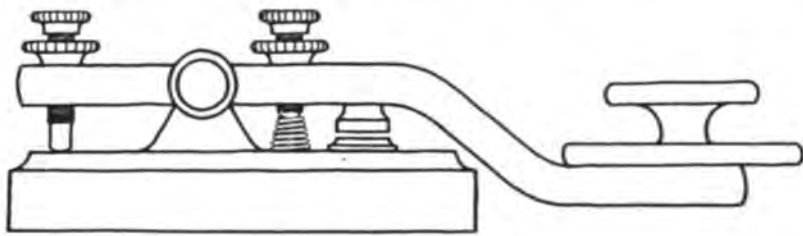


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Our New President

Judge James H. 'Jim' Brown, 381-SGP



JUDGE JAMES HARVEY BROWN

Our new President, Jim Brown, brings both professional as well as amateur experience to the Society plus an impressive background of achievements in other fields. He has served as our Senior Vice President for nearly four years and previous to that he took over as Director of the Society's De Forest Chapter - (III) when the legendary Charlie Lee became a Silent Key.

His first assignment was back in 1923 at the key of KDKU on the SS Dan F. Hanlon. Following this assignment he served aboard many well known ships such as the Yale and Harvard, Ecuador, Calawie and President Wilson in addition to a number of tankers and freighters. He was assigned by the Federal Telegraph Co., to "KFS" on the 'Beach' at S.F. and after time there transferred to KOK, their major land station in Southern California.

Later Jim became announcer at the well-known broadcast station KFOX. In the course of time Jim became a Councilman in the City of Los Angeles. He served on the Bench for many years as Judge of the Municipal Court of the L.A. Judicial District and later as Consultant for the California Dept. of Motor Vehicles. Jim's amateur activities date back to 1921 with stations 68KI and 6VH. He has held call W6VH since 1924.

We feel that our new President "Jim" Brown brings a background of outstanding experience from an illustrious career of dedicated service. He has been very active in Society affairs, attending meetings frequently in all California Chapters. We feel the Society is indeed privileged to have Jim Brown at the helm.

Ambergris

BY MARCIA A. GARDEN



FORTUNES AT SEA

Several years ago, the chief chemist of the Q.A.W. Williams Inspection Company, engaged in an extremely critical analysis of a smelly mass of material hauled into Mobile, Alabama, by the crew of the Liberty Ship, Albino Perez. The sailors had fished the huge, grayish, rubberlike and odorous substance out of the Atlantic Ocean somewhere off of Gibraltar. Every man of that crew had dollar signs in his eyes each time he looked at the heavy bulk, for hope ran high that it would prove to be that which they hoped it would. The crew speculated: each one dreaming of what he would do with the money...IF!

The day that the inspection company's analyst was examining their find, some of the crew waited uneasily, hopefully and expectantly, outside the laboratory portales. The rest of the sailors were not far distant, eagerly awaiting news of the results. At last the analysis was completed and a definite report given. A wildly happy group of men learned that the great lump of spongy substance they had hauled ashore contained from thirteen to fifteen percent pure ambergris. This meant that the crew of the Albino Perez had plucked about \$50,000 out of the ocean.

There was more than 300 pounds of the rare and valuable ambergris in that bug chunk...one of the largest single quantities of ambergris ever found, and each pound worth over \$160. When the lucky sailors divided the proceeds from the sale among them, each was richer by well over \$1,000.

Not too many people know exactly what ambergris is and why it is so rare and valuable. As a matter of fact, those who DO know what it is probably wouldn't recognize it if they should ever come across it. In the Natural History Museum of New York City, there is an entire display case devoted to objects which have been brought in by people under the impression they have found ambergris. Among these objects are such things as cakes of soap, scraps of old water-logged shoes, masses of hardened grease, lumps of fat, clinkers, sponges, water-soaked ships' biscuits, and dozens of other articles just as worthless.

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Like **MEMBERSHIP...**
It doesn't COST: It PAYS!



OSCAR T. HARRISON

THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO A MAN WHO HAS BROUGHT A LOT OF JOY AND HAPPINESS INTO THE LIVES OF MANY OF OUR MEMBERS. OSCAR HAS CONTINUED A LEGACY THAT STARTED OCT. 9 1968 BY "DICK" JOHNSTONE. RICHARD JOHNSTONE WHO WAS OUR FIRST PRESIDENT THOUGHT HIS IDEA OF AN AMATEUR RADIO NET FOR SOWP MEMBERS WOULD BE ONE WAY FOR SHIPMATES TO KEEP IN CONTACT AND AT THE SAME TIME ENJOY HANDLING THE CODE AS WE DID IN THE YEARS AT SEA AND ASHORE. THE FIRST NET SCHEDULE WAS AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS AND IT HAS CONTINUED TO PROLIFERATE WITH MANY OTHER NETS EVER SINCE.

OSCAR HARRISON HAS BEEN OUR CHIEF OPERATOR SINCE 1975 - FOR SOME FIVE PLUS YEARS UNTIL TAKEN ON MAY 4th 1980.

HE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL TO HIS TRUST - ALWAYS DEPENDABLE AND ON THE JOB. IF OSCAR COULD NOT BE "ON BOARD" FOR SCHEDULES, HE ALWAYS ARRANGED FOR A RELIEF.

WHILE THE KEY AT W5QKU HAS BEEN STILLED. THE MEMORY OF OSCAR WILL LINGER ON WITH US FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS A VERY FINE OPERATOR AND FRIEND.

WE ALL WILL MISS YOU OSCAR.

Bill Breniman



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Ambergris



If a person should be of the opinion he has really found ambergris, he may make the following test: insert a hot needle into the substance. If it should prove to be ambergris, a peculiar odor will immediately assail the nostrils and on withdrawing the needle, an amber-colored liquid very much resembling oil will exude from the puncture.

There are recorded cases where ambergris has been discovered by persons completely unaware of what they had found. There was, for instance, the group of Hawaiian men who took their horses to the edge of the sea in order to wash them down. When they happened to see something resembling sponge floating in the waters nearby, they waded out and gathered up handfuls of it. After using it a while to wash the horses, they suddenly realized it was not sponge at all. Curiosity got the better of them and they took several pieces of the stuff to a local trader for his opinion. On being told it was ambergris, they raced back only to find that most of it had gone out to sea with the tide. Although greatly disappointed at their loss, they gathered up as much as was left within reach. The sale of their fortunate find of genuine ambergris made them wealthy enough to live in luxury on the islands.

Those who know more about ambergris realize it is a formation within the intestinal tract of the sperm whale, but few realize that the condition exists in only one among thousands of these mammals. Just why it should be there at all, and why it occurs so infrequently is a mystery as deep as the ocean where it is found. Apparently it is not a diseased condition in the whale, for the old, experienced whalers agree that a whale holding ambergris is as healthy, spry and normal as one without it.

Because ambergris is used in the making of rare and expensive perfumes, some people believe it to be pleasant of scent...a mistaken notion. Most ambergris is practically odorless, although it sometimes gives off a greasy, fish-like smell. It is often porous, but usually of firm texture. As a general rule, it is grayish in hue but it can be brown, purple, yellow, black or white. Sometimes it is of a mottled appearance, combining two or more of the mentioned colors. The rarest and most valuable of all ambergris is that of the grayish hue. Sometimes ambergris is taken directly from its housing in the intestinal tract of the sperm whale, but in most cases it is procured from the beaches or has been found floating on the surface of the sea.

Ambergris is the most important ingredient in the manufacture of fine and costly perfumes. Although there are many synthetics, chemists so far have never found a satisfactory substitute for ambergris. The reason ambergris is so vitally essential to the making of rare perfumes is that it is the only product which will without damage to the intended scent "fix" it. This is true because of its value in absorbing the floral or other types of scents, and assurance that the odor will be long lingering.

When one considers the minute quantity of ambergris which is used in a whole pint of perfume, it may seem odd that the substance should be so rare and so highly prized. Although it may be true that the value of ambergris has declined with the advent of cheaper, synthetic perfumes in the more recent years, it is nevertheless still avidly sought after and remains one of the most priceless substances found.



SEA CHEST

My sea chest is filled with memories
Gathered throughout the seven seas.
Bits of flotsam and jetsam too,
Memories of a favorite crew
That helped raise hell on a foreign shore,
Alas for me, they'll sail no more.

Time has passed and the mighty spark,
The organ tones of the rotary arc,
The dusky virgins of Pacific isles
Who spoke of love with eager smiles,
Pirates and smugglers, nefarious schemes
Are a precious legacy of golden dreams.

There's fond memories of Banana Pete
Who's cw swing was pure and sweet.
Music to a thousand ears
That copied his traffic over the years.
There's many others, with stylish fist
Never forgotten, forever missed.

Remember the gulls? A porpoise or two?
The thrill of answering a plaintive CQ?
Games of checkers played over the air
From a radio shack comfortable chair.
Tales and lies about girls once won.
If even untrue, they were lots of fun.

My memory treasure is the silver and gold
Of twilight dreams, when stories are told
Of elusive signals, a CQD,
Of fear and death on a stormy sea,
Iced up antennas, slippery wet decks,
Tortured ships and gruesome wrecks.

When it's time for my last long cruise
I hope the Lord will let me choose
To sail away to that Heavenly land
With my faithful key clutched in my hand.
On that distant shore please let me find
A wireless station, the Brass Pounders kind!

Ken Johnson SOWP 2308-P W6NKE
May 1980

TALL TAIL

It happened in my grandfather's village quite awhile back. One morning the people went out of their doors to see a gang of workmen sticking tall wooden poles in the ground at intervals along the side of the one narrow dirt road that ran through the place. Pretty soon another gang came along and climbed the poles to hang what looked like long pieces of fence-wire on them. The villagers asked one of the gang what all this was for.

"Telegraph," he replied.

As no further explanation was forthcoming, and as the word "telegraph" was something mysterious to them, the villagers went to their wise man to find out what it was all about.

"Well, yes," he said slowly. "The telegraph; it's to send messages a long way very fast."

"But how does it work?" they asked him.

The old man thought for a space, and then he said, "Let me give you a forinstance: if you pull a dog's tail, the dog yelps, isn't that so?"

"Oh. Yes, we understand."

Not long afterwards, the villagers saw something in a newspaper about wireless telegraphy. Again they went to visit the wise man.

"You told us how the telegraph is like a dog's tail being pulled and the dog yelping. Well, now what is this wireless telegraph?"

"Oh," the scholar replied as he scratched his bald head for a minute. "Yes - that's the tail and the yelp without the dog!"

-Anon.

ETERNAL



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SERIAL	NAME OF MEMBER	CALL	DECEASED
13-SGP	LARSEN, CHARLES WM.	W6VJ	Apr 27, 1979
2235-SGP	WELSMAN, THEODORE S.	VE3WW	Apr 27, 1979
308-SGP	CRAIG, HAROLD F.	++++	May 3, 1979
1521-P	HIPP, JOHN	++++	Apr 3, 1979
424-SGP	MORGAN, CALVIN P.	++++	Apr 23, 1979
2851-P	DENNIS, KENNETH K.	++++	Apr 26, 1979
1767-SGP	WESCOTT, PHILIP S.	++++	May 10, 1979
413-SSGP	WILSON, EUGENE G.	++++	Dec 28, 1978
2764-SGP	REMPLE, PETER H.	WDØE1Y	May 10, 1979
1737-SGP	HIGGINS, JOHN	++++	1978 or 1979
1234-SGP	HOBART, STEPHEN C.	K6CI	May 11, 1979
2105-SSGP	NEVIN, WILLIAM B.	++++	Feb 27, 1979
225-SGP	PEMBERTON, CYRIL H.	K6LE	May 12, 1979
909-P	RUNNELLS, THOMAS R.	W7LQ	May 18, 1979
1670-SGP	MOTICKA, EMIL J.	W1BCC/6	Mar 28, 1979
309-SGP	WATERMAN, EDWARD C	++++	Apr 28, 1979
280-SSGP	DeCHAMPLAIN, PAUL R.	++++	May 4, 1979
1757-SGP	FESSENDEN, JOHN H.	++++	May 31, 1979
606-SGP	BARNEY, DANFORTH	W7US0	Jun 13, 1979
599-SGP	JOHNSON, FRANCIS H.	W7CBB	Jun 27, 1979
1318-M	MARTIN, KEITH A.	K7ED	FEB 17, 1978
1073-P	SCHNEIDER, JOSEPH	WB6VNF	Jun --- 1979
548-SGP	PACKARD, LYMAN W.	W6PC	Jul 13, 1979
1860-SGP	BREWSTER, FRED J.	++++	Jul --- 1979
1176-P	LEVIN, SAMUEL	W2BED	Jul 21, 1979
1198-SGP	BRILLON, D.J.	WB7SJY	Feb 09 1979
1002-SGP	MORIARITY, WILLIAM J.	W9IOW	Unknown
1691-P	McINTYRE, CHARLES H.	N4BY	Aug 15, 1979
2527-SGP	BARTHOLOMEW, FRED G.	N7BL	Aug 10, 1979
2642-V	FORGRAVE, RUSSELL S.	W8RNZ	Jul 06, 1979
3144-V	LEWIS, WILLIAM H.	W2BUC	Aug 13, 1979
1267-SGP	SHAFFER, DAVID P.	W4AX	Aug 15, 1979
472-P	BRODNAX, ALLAN D.	W6HLD	Sep 13, 1979
2061-V	SWIMMINGS, VICTOR E.	++++	Aug 23, 1979
6580P	GARDNER, TRAVIER M.	++++	Aug 27, 1979
2173-P	KERR, VERNON V.	VK4LK	Sep 06, 1979
H-9	MOUNT BATTEN OF BURMA	++++	Aug 28, 1979
3169-P	GROFF, OTTO L.	W51I	Aug 22, 1979
2620-V	WIECHMANN, ELMER F.	N61J	Unknown
82-SSGP	WIEHR, HENRY F.	W6HKM	Oct 19, 1979
1457-SGP	REDINGTON, EDMUND B.	W4ZM	Nov 01, 1979
285-SGP	MEYER, HENRY E.	W2BGP	Nov 01, 1979
1783-SGP	MIDDLEBROOK, RUSSELL P.	++++	Aug 07, 1979
224-P	BEATER, GEORGE	K7VMK	Nov 30, 1979
2826-P	THOMPSON, GEORGE R.	W7CJY	Dec 05, 1979
H-3	CLEMENT, LEWIS	K4UV	Aug 22, 1979
802-SGP	PRICE, LEO A.	++++	Dec 18, 1979
2306-SGP	SEIBOLD, CHARLES A.	++++	Dec 29, 1979
679-P	LORD, WILFRED F.	K4PNU	Dec --- 1979
869-SSGP	BRIZZOLARI, ANTHONY J.	K4TG	Sep 23, 1979

We shall always remember them

SERIAL	NAME OF MEMBER	CALL	DECEASED
369-SSGP	BRADBURY, JOHN A.	++++	Dec 20, 1979
1363-P	ADAMS, JAMES T.	WB4HVL	Jan --- 1980
62-SGP	JACOBY, ARTHUR C.	W30Y	Dec 27, 1979
1330-SGP	PIRTLE, JOHN H.	W3CDL	Nov 24, 1979
3076-P	BROOKE, ROBERT O.	N6GI	Jan 11, 1980
2409-V	HOYNOS, JOSEPH E.	W2HQR	Oct 19, 1979
1396-P	McRAE, MALCOLM W.	W9RC	Jan 26, 1980
2043-P	DUNCAN, WILLIAM E.	++++	Nov 21, 1979
1250-SSGP	DECKARD, FRED D.	++++	Jan 13, 1980
807-SGP	PACHNER, STANLEY F.	++++	Jan 02, 1980
1296-P	PRICE, EDWARD K.	WB2SNE	Dec 05, 1976
14-SGP	FREEMAN, DAVID H.	WAØMYO	Mar 13, 1980
1837-SGP	LAPER, CHARLES A.	W8MM	Jun 12, 1979
1060-SGP	HENDELMAN, SOL	++++	Summer, 1979
1175-P	HURST, WARREN P.	WBØOBH	Nov 23, 1979
774-V	MacDONALD, NORMAN I	VE7MK	Jan 26, 1980
338-P	McGEORGE. H. CROSBY	W6HJL	Feb 10, 1980
1275-SGP	WALLING, RAYMOND B.	W6YD	Feb 19, 1980
1782-SGP	POPE, GEORGE W.	++++	- - - - 1979
1054-SGP	GIBSON, EDWARD F.	W1WIV	- - - - 1979
1531-P	DAVIS, CLIFTON H.	++++	Nov 27, 1979
487-SSGP	RICHARDSON, KENNETH	++++	Unknown
2008-SGP	COLE, JAMES E.	++++	Unknown
1020-P	BOURG, VERNON P.	W6RIL	Mar 19, 1980
28-SGP	MACKIN, GEORGE R.	K6GI	Apr 09, 1980
2451-P	HATCHER, JULIAN S.	W6OEO	Apr 06, 1980
2177-V	PFAHLER, PAUL G.	W6WBS	Jun 29, 1979
736-SGP	SCHINDLER, CARL	++++	Mar 22, 1980
3356-P	GORDON, CHARLES W.	++++	Apr 05, 1980
1376-V	NICHOLAS, FRANK W.	++++	Fall 1979
155-SGP	GROVE, LUTHER BATE	++++	May --- 1979
1157-SGP	LEWIS, WILLIAM TURNER	W9R,	1980 MF
189-SGP	MONTGOMERY, MARTELL E.	K6HM	Unknown
207-P	HARRISON, OSCAR T.	W5QKU	May 04 1980

NOTE: This Necrology list to May 9 1980. lists members who have become SILENT KEYS in order received. The coming Directory will list most of them Serially in the Necrology listings.



"SILENT KEY"

A shaft of sunlight,
Pierces the gloom,
Of the shadowy quiet,
In the radio room,
The equipment sits idle,
Because, you see,
The one who used them,
Joined SILENT KEY.

The once shiny microphone,
Now dusty and dull,
A coaxial switch,
Angles off from the wall,
The chrome plated bug,
A beauty to see,
The one who made use of these,
Joined SILENT KEY.

Gone is the good cheer,
When talking to a friend,
The signal is stilled,
SK, or the end,
No more will the call sign,
Used, ever be,
The one who signed them,
Joined SILENT KEY.

Some time as your listening,
And tuning around,
Do not be startled,
If you hear a strange sound,
Like a quavering, ghostly,
Seventy Three,
From the departed friend,
Who joined SILENT KEY.

--Howard O. McCall

1980 SOWP ELECTION RETURNS

The ballot listing the Slate of Candidates suggested by the Nominations Committee of the Society were mailed all 'active' members on Dec. 28 1979. The deadline for return of ballots was Feb. 1 1980.

It was realized that insufficient time had been allowed for the receipt and return of ballots in foreign countries, hence the date was extended to Apr. 1-1980 on the SPECIAL NOTE which was imprinted on the Proxies mailed in late January to all members. It is apparent that some did not see this notice although it was placed conspicuously on the Proxy form.

The Ballot box was closed on April 1 1980 and all ballots and proxies were sent to Mr. Eben K. Cady Vice President Finance and Audits to tally. It might be noted that Secretary, Prof. Herbert Scott was scheduled to be Teller but was called away by an unforeseen contingency. He nominated Mr. Cady to supervise the count and make the report, which he did.

The report to Secretary Scott by Mr. Cady carried the following tally:

TOTAL VOTES CAST 928
 TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR ENTIRE SLATE 926
 Write in votes:

For Senior Vice President - Oscar Harrison - 1
 For Awards - E. H. Merling - 1.
 (On these two ballots, all the balance of the slate were voted for).

The Tally was completed and respectfully submitted on 17 April 1980.

The number of ballots mailed to all eligible members was 2248.

FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE ELECTED TO SERVE IN OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY FROM JUNE 1 1980 to JUNE 1 1982:

PRESIDENT	James Harvey Brown
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	William A. Breniman
TREASURER	Lorin G. DeMerritt

VICE PRESIDENTS

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MEMBERSHIP	EBEN K. CADY
P & R.	JOHN N. ELWOOD
CHAPTERS	WILLIAM C. WILLMOT
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	PHYLLIS STEVENSON
AWARDS	BRANDON WENTWORTH
ETHICS	ALLEN BARNABEI
CURATOR & EXHIBITS	*
GENERAL SERVICE/CUSTODIAL	*

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MARLO G. ABERNATHY	ROBERT GLEASON
ERIC WALTERS	FRED ROSEBURY
JOSEPH FALBO	

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE ADDED WHEN THE C&BL AMENDED AND APPROVED. DURING THE INTERIM THEY WILL BE APPOINTED TO ACT IN THE CAPACITY:

The following will be added when the C&BL amended and approved. During the interim they will be appointed to act in the capacity.

FRED MANGELSDORF	ALBERT WOODY	RALPH HAZLETON
FRED WINCKEL	EMERSON MEHRLING	

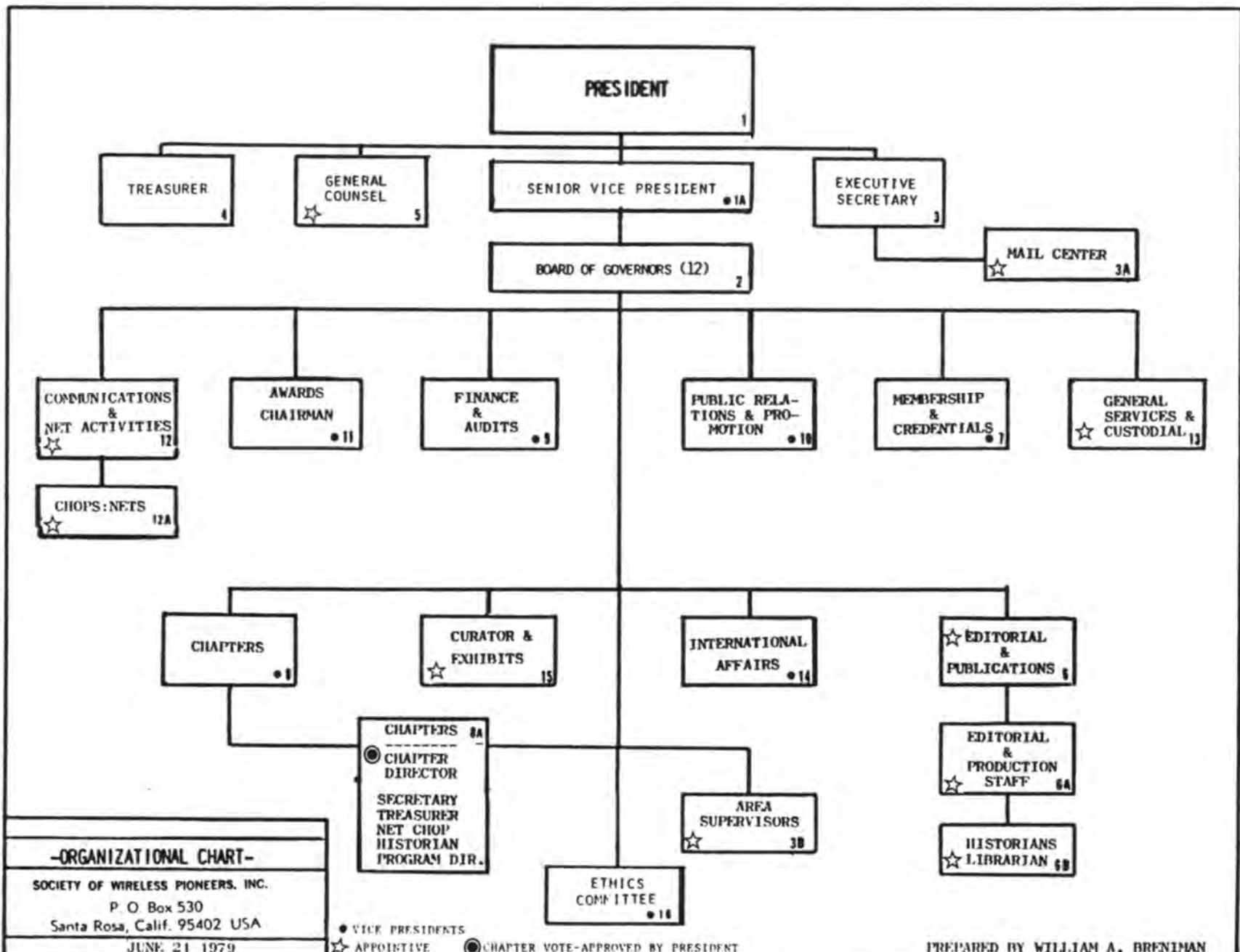
New officers will take office June 1 1980 for a two year term. A business meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10 1980 to permit President Brown to attend (he will be in Europe until late June). Details will be furnished all who plan to attend. It might be noted for the record that proxyholders selected have all voted their proxies for the slate as published and are included in vote

DEADLINE EXTENSION

Shown at right is the notice printed in the Proxy forms which were mailed WITH THE BALLOT TO ALL MEMBERS. This extension of time would have permitted anyone to have returned their vote by return mail, 1st class and had their ballot counted.

SPECIAL NOTE

DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF BALLOTS AND PROXY STATEMENTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 1 1980. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD MAY 16 1980 IN SANTA ROSA, CA ☆
 ☆ Rescheduled for July 11 1980





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S.O.W.P. CHAPTER NEWS

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER X

Chapter X was established in 1974. Luncheon meetings are scheduled quarterly. The 20th meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 1980 at the Anchor Inn, Wheaton, MD. Newly elected Officers for CY 1980 are:

- DIR - Emerson R. Mehrling
- SEC - John J. Kelleher
- TRSR - John W. Swafford

The Chapter numbers over 100 members, with 125 as our goal for CY 1980. Approximately 70% of our members are licensed amateurs. Past Officers of Chapter X, responsible for the activities and the fine growth of the organization are:

- 1974 - DIR - Tex DeBardleben; SEC - Sam Newman and
- 1975 TRSR - Ed Redington
- 1976 - DIR - Sam Newman; SEC - Allen Barnabei and
- TRSR - Max Jacobson
- 1977 - DIR - Allen Barnabei; SEC - Hugh Simpson and
- TRSR - John Swafford
- 1978 - DIR - Allen Barnabei; SEC - John Swafford and
- 1979 TRSR - Emerson R. Mehrling

The CHOPS through 1978 were John Elrod W3NVD and Max Jacobson W3DUG, with Emerson R. Mehrling CHOP for the CW net CY 1979, and John Elrod W3NVD as Alternate CHOP.

CW and SSB Nets are operated by the Chapter weekly. The SSB schedule is 10AM EST each Tuesday on 3967 kHz, and the CW schedule is 900AM EST each Saturday on 7045 kHz. During CY 1979 over 900 QSO's were handled on the two nets. Members of other Chapters or non-members of this Chapter in the area are invited to check in and get acquainted. We would also like to see more members of the Capital Area Chapter check into the SOWP Trans-Con Net on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11AM EST on 14125 kHz, with Oscar W5QKU as Net Control.

Most of our present Chapter members live within driving distance to permit attendance at our quarterly luncheon meetings. We hope to generate more interest of the members in the outlying areas by initiating some new programs of Chapter activity to bring them on board and become Chapter members. At present this Chapter does not issue a Newsletter. We are continuing our low Chapter annual dues of \$2.50 through CY 1980.

Former Director Al Barnabei was hospitalized several times the past year. We are glad to report that he is now much improved. Also CHOP, Max Jacobson was hospitalized late in the year, but is back home now and doing nicely.

We lost a real old timer and pioneer on November 1st, when Ed Redington became a Silent Key. He was a Charter Member and former Officer of this Chapter and he will greatly be missed by his host of friends.



Your're an Old Timer if you Remember :

- 1) The ATTENTION! signal.
- 2) When a "rig" was a horse and buggy.
- 3) When an "air cell" was used to light the filaments.
- 4) When every ham had a sign on the wall reading "DANGER! HIGH VOLTAGE!"
- 5) When every town had a livery stable.
- 6) When telegraph operators wore eyeshades and sleeve protectors.
- 7) When you made a stocking cap from a lady's cast-off silk stocking.
- 8) When a red light designated an entrance, not an exit.
- 9) When you used to swipe "snow" off the ice wagon after the iceman sawed a block of ice.
- 10) Self-rectified transmitters.
- 11) When automobiles had Prest-O-Lite gas headlamps.
- 12) When girls played basketball in middy blouses and bloomers.
- 13) When you knew what "KCL" meant.
- 14) When car radiators had motometers.
- 15) When wavemeters were used instead of frequency meters.
- 16) When golfers wore plus-fours.
- 17) When medicine shows were great entertainment.
- 18) "The Century of Progress".
- 19) When auto headlamps had green "eyeshade" Macbeth lenses.
- 20) The House of David baseball team.
- 21) Tom Swift books.
- 22) Five cent hamburgers.
- 23) When trousers had watch pockets.
- 24) The names FADA, Cunningham, Benwood and Holtzer Cabot.
- 25) Oscillation transformers.
- 26) When football teams drop-kicked field goals.
- 27) When a \$5 raise (monthly, that is) was a big deal.
- 28) Honeycomb coils.
- 29) Ingersoll \$1 watches.
- 30) Baldwin type C headphones.

Furnished by Member H.B. Savage Jr
 K4MD 920-P
 Suggested by "Pete" Fernandez

CHAPTER VII Thomas A. Edison

Florida Area News

Bill Willmot K4TF
 V.P. - P.R.
 Florida Net CHOP &
 former Director of
 the Edison Chapter

Some time ago, it was suggested that the old Edison Chapter be split into three Chapters because of the long geographical distances involved for members trying to attend luncheons and get together. To date, no one has come forward to volunteer to get something going. Possibly, some of our newer members living in the areas of Miami, Tampa and Central Florida might be willing to start a chapter in their respective areas. Help is immediately available from Bill Willmot (V.P. - P.R.) formerly V.P. for Chapters. Bill is available to help anyone get a chapter started in these areas.

During the past three years, a few of the members of the old Edison Chapter have been having lunch at the Orlando Hamfest with members of QCWA. This year (1980), a joint luncheon, consisting of OOTC, QCWA and SOWP was held at the Miami Hamfest on January 26th. There was an excellent turnout with SOWP members present from several states. Because of its success, this joint luncheon will now become an annual affair.

The main SOWP activity in Florida, however, has been via the SOWP Florida Amateur Radio CW Net, which meets each Sunday afternoon at 2 pm on 7053 khz, local time. The net has maintained an average of fifteen checkins on Sundays. In the past two years, there have been a total of 40 different stations check in at one time or another. SOWP members holding current amateur licenses are always welcome. It should also be noted that members who are not licensed amateurs but who have short wave receivers capable of covering the 7 mhz band can tune in the net and keep abreast of society news and events.

CHAPTER XI Elmo N. Pickerill

BY - EARL W. KORF 613-SGP

This chapter was formed early 1973, most of ground work being done by Ed Raser, Charlie Maass and Don Masten. Name of chapter picked due to Elmo who had spent most of his career in the NewYork New Jersey area. Also that Charlie, our first Director had sailed with Pick on the liner Leviathan. Elmo held COS(Certificate of Skill) nr 19 and Pink Ticket, (Commercial Extra) nr one. Some of our present chapter members who were associated with Pickerill at one time or another were: Jeff Azoy, Dick Ego-lf, Ray Green, Joe Maloney and Ed Raser.

First officers were: Director, Charlie Maass, Secy/Treas Don Masten, program chairman Ray Connell Upon Maass's death in 1975, Don Masten acted as Director until election of new officers in early 1977. At this time, Bud Fischer was elected as Director, Masten continuing as Secy/Trsr and Earl Korf as program chairman. In late 77, due to poor health Bud resigned as Director and the present officers were elected, namely, Director Milt Schwartz, Secty/Treasurer Grant Nonnamaker, Program Chairman Earl Korf and Bud Fischer as Historian.

The chapter conducts two luncheon-meetings per year. Publishes 3 to 4 newsletters each year. Operates 3 CW and 2 phone amateur radio nets. Dues are \$2.00 per year. At present we have 147 members, some from as far away as Seattle, Houston, Florida and the Carolinas.

1979 Silent Keys:

Art Jacoby 62-SGP W30Y, Akron Pa
Sammy Levin 1176-P W2BED Brooklyn NY
Bill Lewis 3144-V W2BCU Lincoln Park NJ
Henry Meyer 285-SGP W2BGP Florida
Emil Moticka 1670-SGP W1BCO, Stockton Calif. RIP.

Newest Chapter members:

Gene Smith 3274-V K2DBL East Brunswick NJ
Tony Colaguori 3134-P W2GUM Long Branch NJ
Ray Green 395-SGP W4BMF Port Charlotte Fla
Marvin (Bud) Hall 3117-V K2LP Brookside NJ
Ellis Wilson 3057-M WB2TQS Staten Island NY
Edward McCarthy 3035- W1YT Lempster NH
Dave Weiss 3213-V K3MOE Ulysses Pa
Max Wolff 3118-V W2AJM Harrison NY
Barney Zweig 3236-P K1OGJ East Dennis Mass
Wm H. Schnaass 3323-P W2DHI
Frank Somers N1FS Middlebury Vt
Morris Stern 3336-V W2FRW Neptune NJ
Fred Rosebury 1570-SGP Natick Mass.

A hearty welcome to our chapter, boys.

Some of our members are still sailing and when I saw the latest pay scale, I dont blame them. Tom Kilpatrick is now on the Alaskan oil run(Lucky?) Ed McCarthy shipping out next week after 3 months ashore. Our Director, Milt Schwartz will be making his annual voyage this spring. Last heard from Mike Ennis was from the Santa Mariana. Where are you now, Mike?

Dry-Dockings and Binnacle List:

Mike Lamson now confined to Camden Community Hosptl Health Care Center, Rm 228, Camden Me 04843. Will appreciate cards & letters.
Al Barnabei at home from hospital and slowly recuperating. Oscar Harrison in and out of hospital with blood problems. Sherman Mallory at home but not on too many nets anymore. Joe Pettingill feeling better and has been able to do some travelling recently.
Al Rowe reported about the same in nursing home. Francisco Millett, no later info from his friend Leu Mateo
Stu Davis also has been on the ailing list. Hope all are feeling better soon.

Our fall meeting was held in East Brunswick last October with 50 members, guests & wives. Nat Pfeffer entertained us with his very fine Pitcairn Island story, pix, slides and tapes of Tom Christian, etc. Thank you Nat for a beautiful presentation.

Top Ticketed Chapter Members:

We are very proud to report our chapter has over 30 members with current commercial licenses. Here are a few of the real old timers: Dick Ego-lf with Certificate of Skill(COS) nr 25 in 1911 and current. Jeff Azoy since 1914. Lapsed then retook exam in 1936 and continuous afterwards. Ed Raser in 1917. Joe Maloney in 1917. Hy Laessle 1919. Jack Schantz 1919. Mike Lamson 1920. Art Goodnow & Earl Korf 1924. Also Oscar Harrison in 1924. Slim Weber in 1930. Matty Camille 1920

and Ray Green 1914. Pink tickets(Extra 1st Cml) were held by Green (7) and Camille. In addition to the above members who all have current tickets, the following also have the Coast Guard Radio Officers tickets with radar/aircraft etc endorsements:
Ray Green: Matty Camille: Dick Ego-lf: Ed Raser: Art Goodnow and Earl Korf.

Misc News on members:

Bill Gould and Captain Shelly both have brand new radio towers. Congrats to a P-ickerill member, Em Mehrling for being elected Director of the Capital Area Chapter. Also congrats to Ray, Green and Matty Camille for their fine articles in last Journal. Also congrats to Ed Raser for being inducted into the Broadcaster's Hall of Fame. FB Ed. Frank Somers N1F3 wants to contact others who are interested in Slow Scan TV (SSTV). Don Masten wants to contact members on 2 meters using the Mt Beacon repeater -70 37-97 or the Middletown NY repeater 16-76. Hard for Don to get on our chapter hf nets due to TVI problems.



"HAD A CRAZY NIGHTMARE LAST NIGHT, CAPTAIN ... IT SEEMS THE DECKHANDS WERE HEAVING OUR SPARK TRANSMITTER OVER THE SIDE... AND YOU WERE TALKING BY REGULAR TELEPHONE FROM YOUR PILOTHOUSE TO THE VESSEL OWNERS IN NEW YORK."

Dedicated to

The "Wireless Pioneer"

I love the great open sweep of the sea; the smell of salt air; the touch of rain; the smile of the sun; the kiss of the wind; the call of the sea-gull and the soft slap of waves as they splash against the hull of my ship.

I love the delicate streamers of cirrus floating on high; the ominous thunderheads of the tropical squall; the colorful "Japanese Sunrise" over the China Sea; the stern posture of the North Atlantic; the gentle breezes of Hawaii and Polynesia; the awesome Aurora Borealis with its shimmering and ever changing shafts of light flickering across the skies as we ply the North Pacific.

I love the pungent smell of ozone from the leyden - jars in my wireless shack; the musical rythm of the 240-cycle rotary spark; the exhilaration of finding "THE SPOT" on my carborundum or galena crystal; the tone of my home-port station as it increases in volume as the ships solid throb brings us ever closer state-side.

I love - most of all - signing off the "rusty old bucket of bolts" and receiving my check in front of the Shipping Commissioners. GOODBY...to crockroach heaven!!! Keep all your copra bugs and smelly tanks !! Yeh - I'll go up to Marconi and tell them ... they can relieve me ... AND NOW ! On second thought ... perhaps ... perhaps. I'd better not be too hasty ?

BILL BRENNIMAN

INLAND SEAS CHAPTER XIV



The new SOWP Inland Seas Chapter XIV celebrates its first Charter anniversary in April. Now 89 members strong and still growing, ICS-XIV has attracted members from 18 states and Ontario. For a group that began as a get-together rag-chew net, that might be called progress.

The net began informally with Paul ("Steve") Stevenson, WB9UAD, who was active on Oscar Harrison's Tuesday and Thursday morning nets. Steve enjoyed the friendly contact with other SOWP members, and from time to time he'd think about how much he and other members might enjoy a Midwest rag-chew net, too. Since none existed at that time, he decided to start one.

About 60 SOWP members responded to Steve's return postcard mailing early in 1978, and on Monday evening on March 21st, the Cracker Barrel net was launched on 7065 and 3565, with thirteen check-ins, including one European BC station.

The CW net became a regularly scheduled affair, with members from all around the country dropping in to chat. SOWP President Bill Breniman suggested that the group might be called the Inland Seas net, to coincide with the proposed Inland Seas area designated on the existing Chapter map. It was a good idea, and the net became the SOWP Inland Seas net.

In the months that followed, Bill and several other members dropped notes, postcards, and some broad hints that an Inland Seas Chapter would also be a good idea. For Steve, it was a gradual but inexorable slide into organizing the group as a SOWP Chapter. In the late fall of 1978 he began the groundwork, with the help of his wife Phyl, WB9UAE, and Malcolm ("Mac") McRae, W9RC.

In April of 1979 the Inland Seas Chapter XIV was chartered with 75 members, including SOWP founder Bill Breniman, who was named Honorary Life Member of the Chapter.

A ballot-by-mail to elect temporary officers resulted in the naming of Steve as Chapter Director, Mac as the Assistant Director, and Phyl as Secretary-Treasurer. The results, however, had not been much in question, since that redoubtable group was also in charge of the election.

Other members named to ISC-XIV office were:

Board of Directors:		Area:
W0BQ	Wayne J. Sulser	IA
W9JS	Clyde C. ("Rich") Richelieu	WI (South)
W8TP	Theodore K. ("Ted") Phelps	OH
W8AU	Perry D. Ballinger	OH
W8ZLU	Clarence B. ("Kel") Kelley	OH
Area Representatives:		
W5HV	Ernest L. Blevins	AR
K4TF	William C. ("Bill") Willmot	FL
KA9DYS	Ero Erickson	IL (North)
W9YZE	Harry A. Turner	IL (South)
WB9QPS	Robert E. ("Bob") Molle	IN
W0ODD	Edward M. ("Ed") Hansell	KS
W8ECK	Marcus C. Kronauer	MI (North)
W8CPM	Wilbur A. ("Will") Stelzer	MI (South)
W0KFF	Arthur ("Van") Vandersluis	MN (North)
W0EG	George X. M. Collier	MN (South)
WB0LGY	James L. ("Jay") Haworth	MO
K0KO	Clark F. ("KO") Koffke	NE
K2IC	Earl W. Korf	NJ
W4SM	Manuel ("Pete") Fernandez	SC
W5QKU	Oscar T. Harrison	TX
W8CCN	Tom H. Haymond	WV
K9MIF	Wayne G. Johnson	WI (North)
VE3CHN	Kenneth J. ("Ken") Taylor	Ont. Canada

Volunteers for other offices were:

Net Control Station	WB9UAD	W8TP
	W8HGH	W8AU
Chapter Historian	W8AU and W0ODD	
Chapter Curator	W8ZLU	
Editor	WB9UAE	

The joy of fellowship in ISC-XIV has been tempered by the sadness of the loss of two members. Theodore S. ("Ted") Welsman, VE3WW, became a Silent Key in the same month that ISC received its charter. More recently, our Assistant Chapter Director, Malcolm ("Mac") McRae, W9RC, who had been so much a part of the launching of the new Chapter, became a Silent Key on 26 January, 1980.

The Monday night nets continue at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m., and a day net has spun off on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. on 7055. Steve, WB9UAD, is NCS, and Theodore K. ("Ted") Phelps, W8TP, is alternate NCS. All SOWP members are welcome.

The Inland Seas Chapter is planning its first Chapter meeting some time in spring or early summer. There'll be more about this project in the next Chapter newsletter.

CHAPTER III Dr. Lee deForest

This Chapter conducts a daily (Monday through Friday) Net on or near 3947 KHz SSB (Voice) from 4:30 PM to 5 PM PST (or PDST).

The Net is known as the Happy Hour Net and comes on the air immediately following the Northern California contingent on about the same frequency.

The Happy Hour Net starts by calling CQ SOWP and acknowledging all check-ins. Net Control is Fred, W6QQB with Allen, W6BZA as alternate net control.

W6QQB is located in Los Angeles. W6BZA is located in Sun City, Ca.

In case the Northern contingent of the SOWP Net runs past 4:30 PM PST, the Happy Hour Net will start its own Net activity 3 KHz below or above the Northern group. This is done so that the Happy Hour Net will always start and close on time.

We regret to report that Mrs. Marie de Forest, honorary SOWP member and widow of the late Dr. Lee de Forest, is in ill health and is now residing in the St. John of God Nursing Hospital, 2035 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90018. SOWP members are urged to write her and BE SURE to mention the Society of Wireless Pioneers. She may not remember you but she has fond memories of the Society and of her late husband's work as an inventor in wireless.

My wife and I visited Marie de Forest in the Hospital before Christmas and were dismayed at finding her physical condition so poor. We remembered her from previous years when she attended our annual Chapter III luncheons. Your letters or cards will cheer her up and will remind her that the Society of Wireless Pioneers has not forgotten her.

One of our regular and more active members of the SOWP Happy Hour Net, Robbie, K6AAG, Hesperia, Ca., recently became the semi-official weather reporter/observer for the Hesperia area and his activities were publicized in a full-size front page spread of the Hesperia Resorter, a weekly newspaper. Robbie, in addition to gaining some fame as a "desert horticulturist" as well as weather expert, is also heavily into computerized equipment as well as maintaining daily radio contact with his son who is a weather forecaster stationed in Alaska.

The SOWP Happy Hour Net prides itself in maintaining friendly relations with a number of non-member hams who often check in with us just to pass the time of day or to get a signal report. We try to remember always that we, as members of the Society of Wireless Pioneers, are using the amateur radio frequencies for our fraternal activities and we try to set a good example in courtesy and good operating practice. Many other radio nets are often criticized for appearing to monopolize a certain frequency, and thus create hard feelings.

Although the Chapter III area is basically in Southern California many of our regular members who are winter or summer travelers often check into the Net from "exotic" places such as the Sierra Nevada, or Arizona or winter homes near the Mexican border. With good radio conditions due to early darkness we now also include Grants Pass, Ore, as one of our occasional check-in points.

In this Net frequency we also compete for air time with our Texas friends, the W5's. Due to the time differential we hear them much louder than they hear us, in the winter time - YOU-ALL.

73 from Fred/W6QQB, Net Control and Director of Chapter III, SOWP

DUAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter membership is not limited to a single chapter in the Society. One may join any chapter even if not a permanent resident of the area. You would be expected of course to assist by paying the nominal dues to help fund cost of Newsletters, bulletins, etc. mailed chapter members. Prerequisite of Chapter membership is that National dues must be paid for the current year. Visiting members are always welcome to attend chapter meetings as guests (Dutch treat basis). Be sure, if possible to contact the Chapter Director ahead of time so he may include your reservation to restaurant, etc. generally necessary.

CHAPTER "V" Jack Binns

Our chapter has now grown to well over 250 members. We meet twice a year at the "Dog House" Restaurant in downtown Seattle. Attendance averages around 30 members at the noon (Saturday) meetings; this is causing a problem, in that the space available cannot accommodate any more bodies.

During Viggo Conradt-Eberlin's tenure as Director (ending in 1979), membership rose dramatically, as did our local 80-meter net participation on Tuesday nights. Besides check-ins from our immediate area, the following SOWP members have checked into the net: W5RM Pres. Simms; W6IPM "Bill"; W6ISX "Frank"; VE7BRC "Gene"; VE7CHE Ted Heavens; VE7ERA "Olive" and possibly others. Net control is W7TU Tom Jobs (#939-SGP), ably assisted by WA7CJV Viggo Conradt-Eberlin (#262-SGP).

A sure signal that net check-ins are spending a good deal of time in arm-chair reflection is indicated by the comments about books being read and recommended for reading, e.g., Viggo's insistence that sometime in the not distant future Jupiter and some, most or all of the other planets will be in such juxtaposition with respect to one another that planet Earth will in all probability be yanked off its axis or out of orbit - happy thought! Perhaps we should all go back to work as a refuge from such frightening contemplations. I always have been of the opinion that man himself would be the perpetrator of his own destruction! Now we are asked to share the "honor" with mother nature herself.

Al Johnson (#461-SGP) has come up with some excellent research in the form of a two-page history of the operations of Room 512 in the Maritime Bldg. on the Seattle waterfront, where for 37 years a certain "special lady" in the person of Stella J. Cayo took calls from steamship companies and assigned operators for the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company. Starting in 1913, Stella helped hundreds of men get jobs in radio, staying on with RCA when they took over the Marconi Company. Says Al: "Stella never forgot a name, or a face, or the name of the ship the man was assigned to." I believe she qualifies, post-humously, for honorary membership in the SOWP.

Joe Hallock (#148-SSGP) and now deceased, had a most interesting and full life, his career spanning over half a century starting in 1908 in Portland, Oregon. In 1917 Joe was assigned by the Navy to France to assist in constructing the 1000 KW arc station at Bordeaux, which was to be the world's largest radio station. With a work-force of 600 German prisoners and 400 Spanish laborers in addition to a large U.S. Naval work-party, Joe, as an assistant engineer, stayed to see the completion of the station.

Another achievement in Joe's career, dangerous in execution, was to replace 36 weight-bearing solid glass cylinders supporting a 480-ton, 855 ft. tower at the Tuckerton, N.J. coastal station. "With hydraulic jacks totalling 550 tons capacity, we had to lift the entire tower to a height of 3/4". In doing so we were of course lifting also the 72 guys by that amount...as the tower slowly lifted, the overloaded jacks started leaking...there ensued certainly the worst hours of our lives...those husky seamen pumped as tho' they had a sinking ship under them". They made it, and ensured that the station was able to handle a terrific load of war-time traffic from then on.

Our Director, Al Woody (#539-P) informs me that as far as he knows we are the only Chapter V members who served as W/Os on the Great Lakes. Understand the breed is now extinct, insofar as the strictly "laker" is concerned.

Nick Foster (#469-P) and his wife were both hospitalized and did not see each other for eight days - a close call with pneumonia for him.

30 from "Doc" Burton (475-V)
Historian, Chapter V

SOS

YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS HELP

Fine meeting wasn't it ?

Food was good very enjoyable "eye-ball QSO" with so many old friends ... Good speaker who gave us a very interesting talk on a phase of wireless history we all enjoyed so very much...then there was John who briefly related his harrowing experience in the Western Ocean when his ship started taking on water and the Skipper ordered him to finally send his ... SOS ...

(CONTINUED AT BOTTOM COL. 2)

THE LITTLE RED HEN :



A PRODUCTIVITY FABLE

SOWP IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT -

THERE MAY BE A MESSAGE HERE

Once upon a time there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered some grains of wheat. She turned to other workers on the farm and said: "If we plant this wheat, we'll have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?" "We never did that before," said the horse, who was the supervisor. "I'm too busy," said the duck. "I'd need complete training," said the pig. "It's not in my job description," said the goose. "Well, I'll do it myself," said the little red hen. And she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into grain. "Who will help me reap the wheat?" asked the little red hen. "Let's check the regulations first," said the horse. "I'd lose my seniority," said the duck. "I'm on my lunch break," said the goose. "Out of my classification," said the pig. "Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did. At last it came time to bake the bread. "Who will help me bake the bread?" asked the little red hen. "That would be overtime for me," said the horse. "I've got to run some errands," said the duck. "I've never learned how," said the pig. "If I'm to be the only helper, that's unfair," said the goose. "Then I will," said the little red hen. She baked five loaves and was ready to turn them in to the farmer when the other workers stepped up. They wanted to be sure the farmer knew it was a group project. "It needs to be cleared by someone else," said the horse. "I'm calling the shop steward," said the duck. "I demand equal rights," yelled the goose. "We'd better file a copy," said the pig. But the little red hen turned in the loaves by herself. When it came time for the farmer to reward the effort, he gave one loaf to each worker. "But I earned all the bread myself!" said the little red hen. "I know," said the farmer, "but it takes too much paperwork to justify giving you all the bread. It's much easier to distribute it equally, and that way the others won't complain." So the little red hen shared the bread, but her co-workers and the farmer wondered why she never baked any more.

We came out thankful that ... SOMEONE ... had worked up a reunion of all the old timers in the area.

Now we do enjoy the reputation of being The "GET-TO-GETHER" Society. It is because that SOMEONE has volunteered his time to make a big bunch of fellows happy.

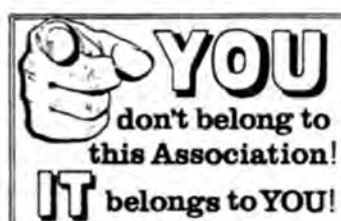
The responsibility of running a Chapter does take time and planning ... BUT the rewards in the enjoyment it brings to many is really satisfying. The remuneration of the satisfaction and pleasure it brings is hard to adequately measure.

However, there is another angle. While you attend these meetings and receive your share of enjoyment - have you ever thought it was about your turn to take part in this wonderful "Get to-gether Society" and VOLUNTEER for one of the posts for a year or say two years? Probably three or four meetings and then you can enjoy the next member willing to take the load. Don't say you can't do it or don't have what it takes. All it takes in the feeling you would like to 'plow back' some of the pleasure you have received over the years.

Why not volunteer... don't wait to be asked. Newer members especially feel they should wait a few years. We don't feel that way. We would like to encourage the newer members to volunteer - no better way of becoming acquainted and becoming known in a brief period of time.

To survive, a Society such as ours requires the voluntary effort of many. Please think about it - then act. We need you and you need us ! Its as simple as that.

Bill Breniman



CHAPTER XVI Gonzales

Vancouver Island



Canadian - Gonzales Chapter XVI Vancouver Island, B.C.
 Chapter News for 'Static Room' Edition SPARKS JOURNAL
 Vol. 3 No. 2
 Director Len Polack VE7ZH - 1658-SGP
 Secretary Treasurer David A. Smith VE7DBJ - 1083-V

During the winter lull in January we were pleased to receive and read the SPARKS JOURNAL Vol. 3 No. 1 with the 'KFS' story headlining the other interesting articles, so refreshing to read of those exciting days in the history of wireless, afloat and ashore. Thanks for the fine stories! Gonzales Chapter will be pleased to contribute to the upcoming SPARKS JOURNAL publications by collecting news items from our members in the Victoria area and those Up-Island.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our December meeting at the Captain's Palace Restaurant due to unfavorable conditions at the time, but we are planning one for this Spring when possibly some of the Up-Island members will come along. Our last event was on 27 September 1979 when we had a field day visiting the Lake Cowichan Satellite Earth Station, informal luncheon at Duncan and the 20 kilometer run to the Station which is situated above the fine highway on a plateau between the mountains. Looks very imposing with the two Dish Antennae operated jointly by the D.O.T. and Teleglobe. This was our third visit since 1975, but we got the usual warm welcome from the Staff on duty. They provide the Space communications covering the Pacific and the Far North. As we are 'Hams' we get a kick out of the sophisticated circuits of today.

Earlier in the summer of 1980 I decided to go on vacation with the family Up-Island. We were destined to have a visitor, Bill Craig, from Auckland, N.Z., an old Cable friend on his way to the "Gathering of the Clans" in Nova Scotia at the end of July. His mother had emigrated from the Highlands of Scotland to Cape Breton and thence by sailing ship to N.Z. His father also Scottish had settled there in N.Z. Bill Craig himself served as operator at the cable station in approximately 1920-23 before returning to the Pacific. During WW2 he served in Ceylon monitoring wireless transmissions during the Burma campaign under Lord Mountbatten.

On return to Victoria after vacation I decided to make plane reservations and follow him to the Maritimes by Air Canada to Montreal and thence Eastern Provincial Airways to Sydney N.S. with touchdowns at Charlottetown and Halifax. Had an enjoyable time meeting old friends as I had served as cable operator in Halifax 1918-23 and also with the Canadian Active Army Signals 1941-45 on the Atlantic Coast from N.S. to Newfoundland and Labrador. Exciting days during the movement of war supplies. Bill Craig went on his way to Britain and finally landed back home via London and Singapore. I came back home to Victoria via Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton and Vancouver. Saw so much of Canada from the air! Hope it will hold together!

I listen in Thursdays on the Pacific Coast Net with Frank on W6SX and John Dudley, W7ITJ and his Boehme Xmtr at 30 WPM. Enjoy the series but can't write that fast now. Our Net on Thursdays is on two metre band just now. Talk to Bill Filtness, Syd Young and George Neale. Ron Hodgson is wintering in Mesa, Arizona. Has QSO with Syd on the 15 metre band.

73 from Gonzales Chapter XVI
 Vancouver Island, B.C.

Membership Memo...



ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE, who wrote *Democracy in America* after touring the U.S. in the early 1830s, observed "If men in democratic countries never acquired the habit of forming associations, civilization would be endangered... The right of association is almost as inalienable as the right of personal liberty."

George M. Neale

An Extended Voyage

Society of Wireless Pioneers

Chapter News

"An extended voyage" A story of the sea. George M. Neale
 SOWP 639-SGP Gonzales Chapter XVI Vancouver Island B.C.

The following experience, which occurred fifty years ago, was a somewhat inconsequential affair really but memorable for me as it the first -ever occasion I ran into during my career as "SPARKS" involving the handling of Distress traffic at Sea. The Canadian SS "ODILE" approximately 2500 tons-net had sailed from the Port of Montreal, Canada at the end of the navigation season in the St. Lawrence system about December 3. 1928 QRD London England with a full cargo of grain. She was however re-routed by Radio enroute to London and despatched to Beyrouth, Syria instead, and after an exceedingly stormy mid-Atlantic passage, tied up in Beyrouth Syria about January 2, 1929. Incidentally I had signed the Articles as Radio Officer just for the trip over to London to work my way over for the Xmas holidays and almost didnt make it for Eastertime. At Beyrouth, it turned out that the cargo of wheat was badly spoilt on account of sea-water entering the hull so it was nearly a month before unloading commenced. However on Feb. 2 1929 she finally sailed again, in ballast, QRD London her original port of destination

This is where the story begins!

In retrospect it looked as if the Owners, Agents or the Captain were under the illusion that the weather in the mediterranean, in the month of February would be calm and sunny, but, alas this proved to be wrong because the ship encountered head-westerly winds of gale force strength, and as the ship was in Ballast, riding high in the water she was slowed down very considerably. To compound the problem, insufficient bunker coal had been taken on in Beyrouth prior to departing, so the supply of coal ran out in a few days' time and so did the food, water, power and just about everything. The Captain set all hands, including myself to work to scrounge grain-sweepings, scraps of lumber and just about anything which would burn in an attempt to raise enough steam to reach Malta the nearest Port. It was all to no avail so with about 40 or 50 miles yet to go to reach Malta, the nearest port, the main engines and the "Donkey" running the Dynamo gave up the ghost and this of course meant that we were derelict, drifting at the mercy of the wind and tide at a fair clip, with the prospect of ending up on the rocks of the North African coast somewhere. Seemed like t he appropriate time to try a prayer or two or else start hollerin for help, but, evidently the Captain did not share this view because he positively refused to sanction sending either an "SOS" or any other message to any one. I put this down to a reluctance to face-up to the prospect of salvage expenses or maybe hoped for a Miracle!

Meanwhile, using the Emergency Set, I had passed our "TR" to all nearby coast stations including the British Admiralty Station in Malta, but this all had to stop on account that there was no way of re-charging the Em. Battery. With no steam practically out of Grub, water tanks empty and the ship tossing and rolling uncontrolably the situation could be summed up as really desperate. It is truly remarkable how keen one can think under such circumstances, so I got the idea of utilizing the ship's regenerative type Receiver and Key it to produce a short range C.W. signal. This was done quite easily and raised the Admiralty station in Malta and got a reliable QSO going and we were in business. My sigs to Malta were entirely un-official but managed in any case to let them know what the situation was. In any event the Naval authorities in Malta caught on that "ODILE" was in dire straits. so decided to despatch one of their Cruisers, H.M.S. Calypso to our aid. Shortly after midnight the Cruiser requested we send up rockets or flares to pin-point our position and this was done at once. Almost at once she hove in sight alongside and tried to get lines over to us, but the heavy weather prevented this., so the Cruiser told us to wait until daylight. Come daylight we began to actually see the high land towards which we were drifting. By early morning the Calypso's Captain performed a truly magnificent feat of seamanship by placing his stern directly ahead of "ODILE'S" bow so that the Bosun had only to fling his heaving-lines down on to the Cruiser's Quarter-deck heave in the heavier tow-lines down on to the Cruiser's Quarter deck and the rescue-tow started into Malta Harbour. By noon we tied up in Malta and this part of the voyage was over. It remained to take on much needed coal, stores and water and steam westward via GIB', the Bay and the English Channel for the Port of London and thus we finally came to rest after a voyage supposed to last ten days but stretched to three months.

George M. Neale
 S.O.W.P. 639-SGP





NEW

MEMBERS

The Staff and members of our wonderful organization take great pleasure in welcoming the following members into the Society and look forward to meeting you at Chapter reunions or in the pages of our publications. A wonderful camaraderie and close fellowship bind members in a brotherhood of cordial geniality and companionship enjoyed by few organizations. While the preservation of the history of the wireless mode of communications is our dedicated purpose, it also permits us to fraternize and enjoy contacts with friends and shipmates of days gone by as well as meeting those we have heard about but never had the opportunity of knowing before. May your cruise with us be a happy one.

'73' William A. Breniman - President.

Society of Wireless Pioneers, Inc.

New Members

3146-SGP W9BCQ
EUNICE, OTIS L. ("Oats"/Ellenor L.)
 510 Johnston St. Galesburg, IL 61401
 T: 309/343-6856
 FS: 1922 USS Oklahoma/NCB (Later - NADM), USN-22/23, Morse CQB 46 yrs
 AMATEUR: W9BCQ/30. Join net? nf.
 QSP: Ken Johnson 2308-P

3147-M HB 9 ZV
RENKEWITZ, PAUL KONRAD (*/--)
 Bergstrasse 8, CH-8954 Geroldswil,
 Switzerland. T: 01/748-10 11
 FS: "762 M/V ANUNCIADA/HBDM
 1963/71 on Corcovado, Castasenga, El
 Pampero, Grischuna.
 AMATEUR: HB 9 ZV/1959.
 QSP: Buehler, Hans 3028-M

3148-SGP W2VGB
ANDERSON, GUY R. (Andy/Jessie)
 722 Sixth Ave., River Edge, NJ 07661
 T: 201/261-5101.
 FS: 1920 SS Mina Bree / WHP. other
 assignments 1922/28 include: Lake Silve
 Standard, T.J.Williams, Walter Jennings
 Caddo, Remember General Call, Std Oil
 NJ ... KSOC?
 AMATEUR: W2VGB/1947
 QSP: George R. Keller - W2DM

3149-V W2WTX
HARRIS, CHARLES E. ("CH"/Edith)
 47 John St. Cranford, NJ 07016
 T: 201/276-4979
 FS: 1942 - USAT Mexico / WKEG. Othe
 USAT Assignments incl: Barry, Shawnee
 Trail, Hawaiian Skipper, Brazil, James
 Parker, also USS Blue Ridge/NTAE, 467
 50 NY Port of Embarkation/WVP-WXCB
 1950-78 USN Military Sea Tpn Svc.
 Atlantic (Now Military Sealift Command
 Atlantic - Brooklyn NY/NAH-25
 AMATEUR: W2WTX/78. First 1948.
 Join net? NAP.
 QSP: George R. Keller 3119-M W2DM

3150-P *****
HYDE, EDWARD (Ed/Floy)
 4549 Toni Lane, La Mesa, CA 92041
 T: 714/463-5203.
 FS: 1937 - USS IDAHO/NAVX plus other
 USN ships to 1946.
 AMATEUR - KA5BWH in 1978 but not now
 active. QSP: NF

3151-P K6HE
SANDBERG, JAMES W. (Sandy-Mae)
 1138 E. Rustic Road, Escondido, CA,
 92025. T: 714/745-6940
 FS: 1936 - USS ARGONNE/NISX
 Also assigned (1936-1954) Antares,
 Rail, Calif. Caldwell, Boise, Pocono
 and Lake Champlain. Assigned NPM
 1943.

AMATEUR: K6HE/68. First: W9LZY
 1930. Join net? Later.
 M) ARRL, RNARS. (H) Bome-brew
 Radio & Electronics, RR. Models,
 Sponsor: M G. "Abe" Abernathy.

3152-M N4BQA
DIAZ, ANTHONY JACK (*/Marie)
 6736 Halston Beach Circle, Tampa, FL
 33614. T: 813/932-3210
 FS: 1953 - USS Boxer (CVA-21) NXOF
 1977/79: SS Delaware Getty/KCBE,
 Pioneer Commander, Gusyama, Delta
 Ecuador, American Trader/KVKV
 AMATEUR: N4BQA. First call WA4IHC
 1968. (M): ROU. (H): Amateur Radic
 Target shooting, reloading, bullet cast-
 ing, Hunting. QSP: N.F.

3153-M WD4HLV
BUNCH, JAMES L. (Jim/JoAnne H.)
 1000 Lakeshore Dr. #54 (Mail: PO Box
 22905) Jackson, MS 39205
 Phone: 601/939-2959
 FS: 1952 - Comm Nav Fac, Phil (U.S.
 Naval Sta.) NPO/NPO-5 (to 1955)(HI-
 Speed CW Opr M/L-21)
 AMATEUR: WD4HLV-79. Join net?
 Yes.
 M) DRRL. (H) Ham Radio, golf, fishing,
 Bowling, sports.
 QSP: Paul M. Stevenson WB9AUD

3154-P W6CIT
ELLIOTT, GORDON (Gordo/Lola)
 836 Sixth Ave., Redwood City, CA
 94063 T: 415/369-6110
 FS: 1930 - U.S.S. New York/NADT
 32-USS Texas/NADV;USS Nevada/
 NADK, 33/34-USS West Virginia.
 AMATEUR: W6CIT/1930. Join net?
 Yes. M) Life Members ARRL & QCWA
 (H) Fishing, Gardening, Ham Radio.
 QSP: Frank Hogan W6ISX 2052-P

3155-P WD4OCW
DARRACOTT, CHARLES R. Jr.
 P.O. Box "BD" Williamsburg, VA
 23185. T: 804/229-5185 (or) 220-2319
 (Charlie/Ann)
 FS: 1937 - USS Lexington-NIKM. Also
 served NOB/Norfolk.
 AMATEUR: WD4OCW/77. First W3IOX-
 1940. Join net? Later.
 M) ARRL, Ret. Eastern Pilots Ass'n.
 H) Ham radio, photography, tennis.
 QSP: OST listing.

3156-M K2KMC
MILLER, HENRY A. (*-Jane)
 58 Elmwood Terrace, Irvington, NJ
 07111. T: 201/371-0772.
 FS: 1958 USCG COMMSTA NMO (Long
 Beach, CA). 1959-66 served on CG Wx
 Ship USCGC Chautauqua, Nettle, in
 Aviation Electronics School, and as R/C
 and Elec. Tech on CG Act, 1978 SS Pen
 Penn/KNCE.
 AMATEUR: K2KMC/77. Early 54.
 Join net? nf.
 M) ROU, MUSE (Maritime Union of Ser
 vice Engineers) ARRL
 H) Amateur radio, swimming, travel.
 QSP: Lou Mateo 878-V

3157-M W7QMU
SHRADER, WILLIAM R. (Bill/Judith)
 2042 Jasmine Ave., Medford OR 97501
 T: 503/773-8624.
 FS: 1955 - USCGC Sweetbrier/NODX to
 1957. Other assignments include: CGC
 Dexter, Spencer. Retired 1975 after 22 1/2
 years with C.G.
 AMATEUR: W7QMU/50. Join net? Yes
 M) ARRL, QCWA Royal Naval ARS.TRO.
 H) Ham Radio
 Participate: Offers assist in Organizing.
 QSP: John N. Elwood.

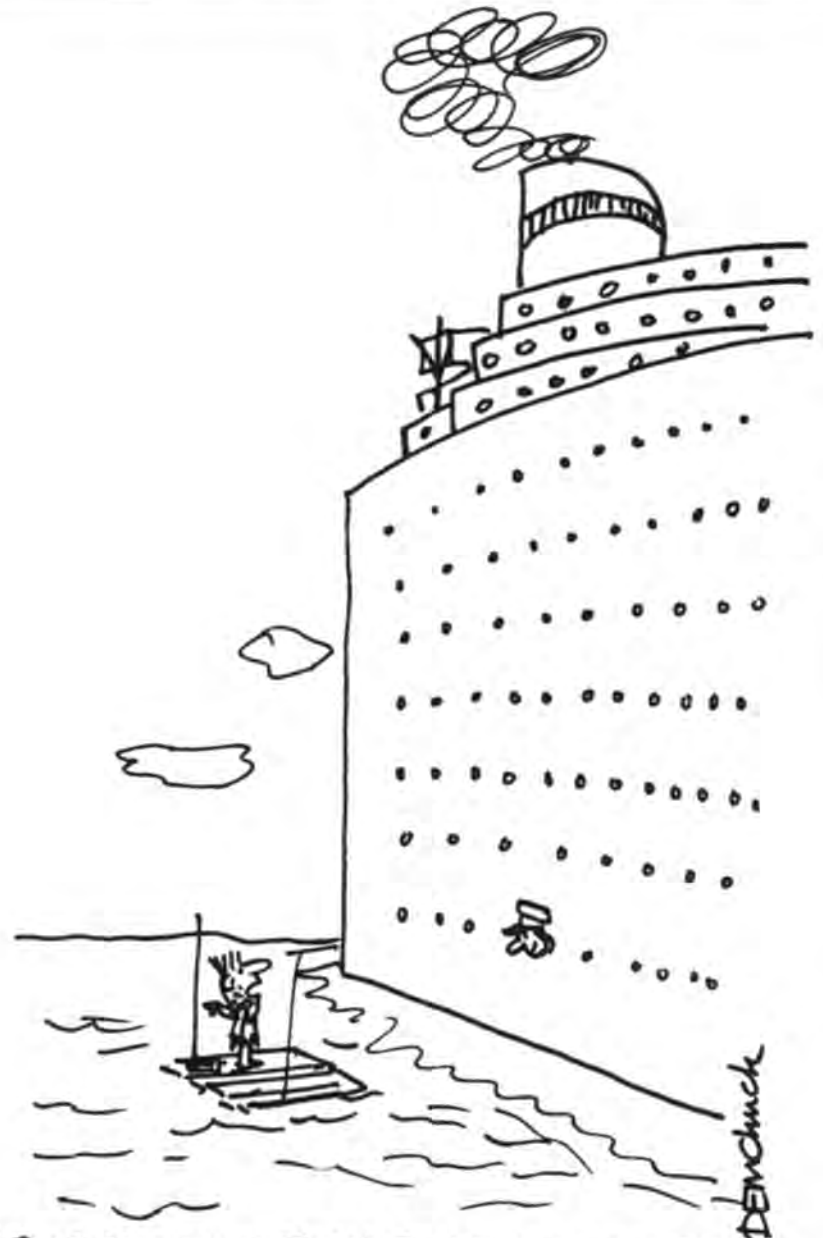
3158-SGP KA2EHP
McELROY, HOWARD J. (Mac/Ella)
 37 Hampton St. (PO Box 273-Mail)
 Southampton, NY 11968 T:516/283-0816
 FS: 1922-SS West Nohno/KEGX to 1933
 1933-65 WSL/WAE; 1965-1973 on var-
 ious ships.
 AMATEUR: KA2EHP/79. First: 1CCL/
 1922. Join net? Yes.
 SOS/COD: 1924 - SS West Nohno -
 piled up off Angola.
 M) ARRL, VOWA. (H) "Loafing"
 QSP: Joe Finzimer.

3159-M K5PSH
STECK, GERALD (Jerry-Helene)
 3808 Tanglewood, Bryan, TX 77801
 T: 713/846-3879
 FS: 1966 - U.S. Army Security Agency,
 Field Station, Sobe, Okinawa (51st S.
 O.C.) 1967/8 Udum Thailand, 69- Camp
 Humphreys, Korea - T.D.Y. while sta-
 tioned in Japan. 68-70 Chitose, Japan.
 Assignment cover three continuous tours
 of duty in Asia). All traffic on C.W.

Much of duty included security monitor-
 ing.
 AMATEUR: K5PSH/58. Join net? Yes.
 M) ARRL, Texas CW Net, SEN.
 H) Photography, Archery, football, base
 ball, ragchewing, music.
 QSP: Oscar Harrison W5OKU.

3160-SGP W3NS
WALDO, GEORGE V. SR. (*-Bertie Ma
 1636 Oaklawn Court, Silver Spring, MD
 20903 T: 301/439-3519
 FS: 1924 - SS Wakika/KIXX (USSB-
 SORS) Other assignments: SS Gov. Joh
 Lind, 25-Wm Isom/KVY; 26- SS Glou-
 cester/KQG; 1927- SS Cold Harbor &
 SS Carabelle/KDER.
 AMATEUR: W3NS/66. First 5AEK/1922
 Join net? Yes.
 M)IEEE (Life Sr. Mbr); ARRL, OTC,
 QCWA-GAA, RID, VWOA AAAS (Life);
 NSPE, Ex-CCIR & URSI.
 QSP: John Swafford #783-V

3161-P W1LAV
FICKETT, MARVIS (Marv/Marcia)
 90 Indian Ridge Road, Sudbury, MA
 01776. T: 617/443-2236.
 FS: 1938 - Eastern Airlines, Boston
 Airport - WAJZ. (to 1942) 42-47 Colonial
 Airlines, 47/49 Liberian Int'l AL - ELRB
 1950/53 CBS-TV WCBS. 53-55 Pan Am
 Awys.
 AMATEUR: W1LAV/1938.
 M) Arri, Qcwa, Sons of the Rev.
 H) Ship model bldg., Radio control boat
 & planes; Silversmith, Lapidary.
 P) Offers assist with Society work as
 Secretary.
 QSP: Charles R. Sewell 2507-P W7LME



"ABOUT ONE MILE. TURN RIGHT AT THE GREEN BUOY, THEN THE WIRELESS PIONEERS DINNER...."

NEW MEMBERS

3293-V N7AVX
WASMER, JOHN F. (Marjorie)
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3298-P WB6BCC
STEEN, DANIEL C. (Dan/Anita)
124 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, CA 94501 T: 415/523-4960



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3306-V *****
HUSTED, ROBERT C. (BOB/Florence)
250 E. Boca Raton Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33432 T: 305/391-5171

3311-P KA7CBQ
MILLER, RUSSELL W. (RUSS/Jean)
3117 East Avalon Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85018 T: 602/-959-3063

WELCOME ABOARD!



3357-V KABBBL
JONES, ELMER L. (Leon/Margaret)
R. R. 5, Box 483, Salem, MO 65560

3358-P W60TA
ELWELL, CHARLES A. (Charlie/****)
P. O. Box 16, Vernon, AZ 85940

3359-V WB9CYC
HUCK, LOWELL A. (****/Bette)
1414 So. 25th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

3360-V KABABB
NIEDERKORN, FRANK R. (****/Rosemarie)
1 The Knolls Lane, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

3361-P K2JF
FISHER, JR. JOHN M. (****/Gladys)
538 Wesley Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071

3362-V W4JJP
PEARSALL, SAMUEL H. (SAM/ISABELLE)
118 Spring Valley Road, Donelson, TN 37214

3363-SGP W2RQF
FROMMER, BENJAMIN J. (BEN/Deceased)
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3375-V HA4IFF
FROST ESTHER (*****/Elmer)
1954 Bruce St., Lakeland, FL 33801

3376-SGP
PFERRY, EDWARD E. (****/Joyce)
202 Regency Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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7826 Hayes Hollow Road, West Falls, NY 14170

3378-P VE1BZ
ABBOTT, LLOYD K. (***/Vera)
17 Tweedsmuir Drive, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada E1E 1R7

AMATEUR: W6ENA/1931 FC: Same
Join Net: Yes M) ARRL H) Ham Radio, Photography & Audubon Society

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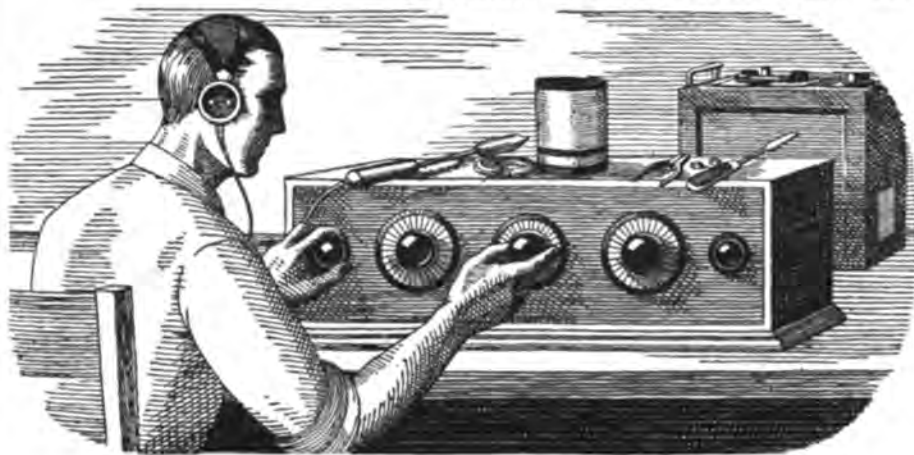
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AN "AMVER" SURFACE PICTURE MAY LIST MANY VESSELS, CLOSE BY, WHO COULD COME TO YOUR ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY!!!



SOWP NETS & SCHEDULES

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THE GOLDEN GATE SSB CONNECTION

Reporting on the successful operation started at the June 1979 El Rancho Golden Gate luncheon. We are happy to announce the "NORTHERN CONTINGENT" of the Wireless Pioneers SSB net has been a Monday to Friday 4PM to 4:30PM success. Although the 3947.5 KHZ propagation was unusually poor during summer and early fall months, it has improved to the extent we are now able to check into Freddie Winckles southern contingent net at 4:30PM when our net closes. Jess W6BFU Oakland, Landon of Danville W6RDW, HAP W6TQU San Jose, Bill N6HS San Bruno, ROY N7AID Grants Pass, OR, W600 George, Duke of Winsor, comprise the regulars holding down the net at present, daily with "AL" W6OFL Half Moon Bay, Actg NC. Interesting articles, new members, and news particular of new members with addresses within the area are also passed along for possible net participation. Several of the above were members of the Consolidated Aircrafts Co., PBY ferrying crews making PBY deliveries to Honolulu for Australia and to Wake Island and Guam and to Caribbean Islands for delivery to English buyers at the outbreak of War. Reading the mail re: the Ferry svc communications brought a response from Southern contingent member Erwin K6LD that he always wondered but never heard how the equipment performed. K6LD had been a final tester/adjuster of the radio equipment for Consolidated. (See letter from W6TQU below)

ALL SOWP MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE NET

By Emil A. "Al" Holgerson - W6OFL



SOWP 5TH ANNUAL CW QSO PARTY

SOWP will hold its 5th Annual CW QSO Party from 0000 Z on Wednesday, June 4 through 2359 Z on Thursday, June 5th. There are no formal requirements except an exchange of name, membership number and QTH. Suggested frequencies are 55 khz (+ 5 khz) up from the low end of each amateur band. It is suggested that novices operate in the center of the novice portions of each band. Members who can only participate part-time are requested to make their calls on the even hours during the period. To optimize long distance contacts, it is suggested that ten and fifteen meters be used from 1400 to 2100 hours Z.

The call will be CQ SOWP. A special certificate will be available to all members who contact a minimum of ten other members during the period. Requests for the certificate must include a list of stations contacted, dates, times and membership numbers of the stations contacted. In addition, an SASE must be included. Certificates will be issued by the V.P. for Awards, Manuel "Pete" Fernandez, W4SM, 129 Hialeah Road, Greenville, S.C. 29607. Requests for the certificate must be submitted not later than 30 June 1980.

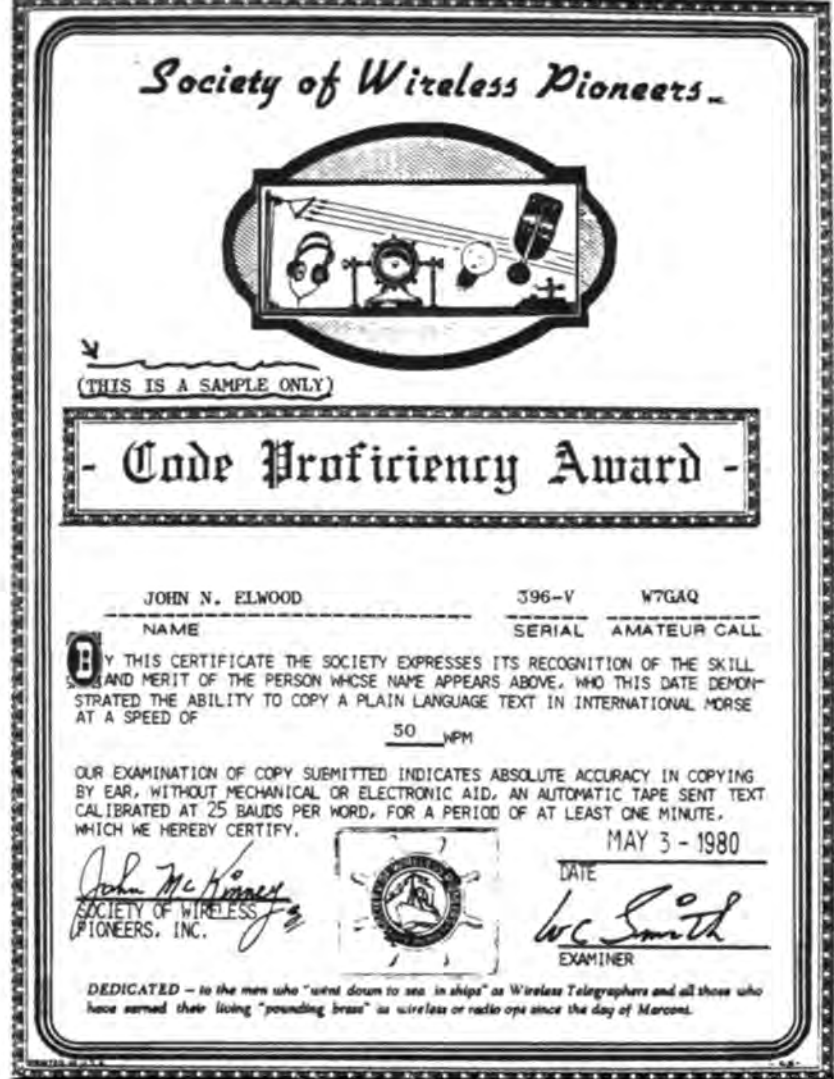
All participants are requested to submit comments, suggestions and ideas for improving these annual parties to the Party Coordinator, Bill Willmot, K4TF, 1630 Venus Street, Merritt Island, Fla. 32952.

S.O.W.P. NET SCHEDULES

C.W. NETS									
NO.	NET NAME AREA COVERED	DAY	PT	LOCAL TIME	GMT TIME	FCY KHZ	CHOP NAME CALL	ANCS NAME/S CALL/S	
1.	TRANS-PAC W/C HI VH ZL ETC	THU	PT	2100	0500	14010	Brandy K6UJ	Elmer W6EB &	Frank VK6AM1
2.	TRANSCON USA/CANADA/Holland	THU	C	1000	1600	14125	John W6AP		EARL K2IC
3.	TRANSCON - II USA/CANADA/Europe	TUE	C	1000	1600	14125			EARL K2IC
4.	PICKERILL (A) ME MA CT NY NJ PA OH	MON	E	0900	1500	3670	Jack W3FYD	Ed W2ZI	
	PICKERILL (B) (Same Geo. Area)	TUE-THU	E	1900	2400		JACK W3FYD	EARL K2IC	
	PICKERILL (C) (Same Geo. Area)	SAT.	E	1000	1600	7040	EARL K2IC	JACK W3FYD	
5.	FLORIDA FL GA SC AL TC	SUN	E	1400	2200	7058	BILL K4TF	DAN K4HDV	(*) -/-5
6.	PACIFIC COAST CA AZ NV OR BC (SO CA)	THU	P	2000	0400	3555	FRANK W6ISX	JOHN W7ITJ	RAY TED W6DH VE7CHE
		FRI	P	1530	2330	7084	Ernie W6QJA		
7.	YANKEE/EASTERN ME MA VT NY NJ PA	SAT.	E	1000	1600	7040	EARL K2IC		
8.	CAPITAL AREA DC DE VA NC	SAT	E	0900	1400	7045	EM W4NH	JOHN W3NVD	
9.	JACK BINNS PAC NW - BC	TUE	P	2000	0400	3555	TOM W7TU		
10.	TRANS-ATLANTIC	SUN			1100	3550	COR PA6GL		
11.	INLAND SEAS GT. LAKES AREA	MON MON WED	C C C	1900 2000 1300	2400 0100 1800	7065 3565 7055(*)	STEVE WB9UAD " " (*)	TED W8TP	(*)QST 14125 IF condx req.
12.	SOWP MEMBER CO	WED FRI		E-9:55P do.	C-8:55P " " " " " " " "	M-7:55P " " " " " " " "	P-6:55P " " " " " " " "	3555/14125	
SSB-PHONE NETS									
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A.	HAPPY HOUR N-CA HAPPY HOUR S-CA	MON-FRI MON-FRI	P	1600 1630		3947.5 3947	Holoy W6OFL FRED W6QGB	GEORGE W6DFU	K6AAG - Bob
B.	PICKERILL ME MA CT NY NJ PA	SUN THU THU	E E E	1345 0900 0900		7260 7260 3917	MILT W2SF HARRY W2OV	GRANT K2QXQ GRANT	EARL K2IC
C.	CAPITAL AREA	TUE	E	1000		3967	JAKE W3JRG	EM W4NH	
D.	WESCAN FM	Week-days	P	0915		347.54	BILL - VE7WZ		
E.	GONZALES (Vancouver Island)	SUN THU	P P	1600		3740 347.54	Len VE7ZH	Arnie VE7GY	

- CODE PROFICIENCY AWARDS -

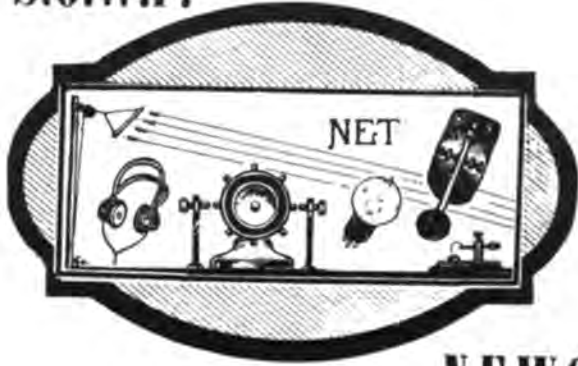
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This CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY is awarded to Society member who sends in PERFECT COPY for one minute of transmittal at speeds sent, ie: 40-45-50-55-60 WPM. Tests are held periodically and all members are invited to participate. The West Coast Examiner who conducts the tests is Mr. W. Conley Smith K6DYK. Frequencies normally used are 3690 and 7023 kHz. Test dates are furnished members via SOWP NETS and in the SPARKS JOURNAL.

S.O.W.P.



NEWS

TRANSPACIFIC NET

We are pleased to report that the Transpacific Net continues to flourish better than ever, thanks to the upswing of the sunspot cycle and the unwavering loyalty of our regulars Down Under who are Frank Carey, VK2AMI, Leslie Bell, VK4LZ, and Dave Butler, ZL2JK.

On the North American side, George Osborne, K6OS has recently become a regular on the Net. What's more, George toured the South Pacific by air last year ('79) and had the pleasure of contacting both Dave and Frank while visiting New Zealand and Australia. George even entered the Net one evening, courtesy ZL4JW!

The Transpac now holds forth on 14,010 every Thursday night at NINE PM PST. It runs all year and does NOT change to PDT.

Elmer Burgman, W6EB is my alternate in our winter season, but takes over as CHOP during the Northern Hemisphere summer while I'm Down East in Maine. Frank Carey, Director of the Southern Cross Chapter, serves as NCS and normally kicks off the Net by the usual CQ SOWP Transpacific Net de VK2AMI.

Other than infrequent QRM from worldwide DX hounds, our only QSO problems stem from the occasional "short skip", up here, down there, or both. For example, one night Elmer W6EB found himself with a 100 word QTC for VK4LZ from VK2AMI. But the QSP wasn't a problem really - not for Elmer anyway.

Transpac signals are best when it's tea time tomorrow in VK-land, but well after dark here today - at Net time that is. Nevertheless, any other members, U.S. or VE, who shouldn't afford to burn the outrageously expensive midnight oil, are always welcome to join us.

Brandy Wentworth, K6UJ
CHOP Transpacific Net

Important Note about QSL Cards

FLASH ! OUR QSL-CARD PRINTER NOTIFIED US APRIL 28th THAT HE IS INCREASING HIS PRICE 40% ON OUR QSL CARDS. WITH UPS INCREASING RATES 10%, WE HAVE DECIDED TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR QSL CARDS UNTIL WE CAN FIND ANOTHER PRINTER WHO WILL OFFER TO FURNISH CARDS AT A REASONABLE RATE TO MEMBERS.

INLAND SEAS NET

Monday 7:00 p.m., local central time .. 7065 KHz±
Monday 8:00 p.m., local central time .. 3565 KHz±
Wednesday 1:00 p.m., local central time .. 7055 KHz±

(Conditions at times necessitate a QSY to 14125 KHz to complete the net on Wednesdays.)

Attendance is picking up, and all SOWP members are welcome.

Check-in starts 15 minutes prior to scheduled net time on all nets. NCS Steve, WB9UAD, and alternate NCS Ted, W8TP, invite all SOWP members to drop in and meet the gang.

Organization of the "Professional" Brass-Pounder

ELMO N. PICKERILL NET

C.W.: EST
Monday 0900 3670Khz W3FYD Jack Alt W2ZI Ed
Tues/Thur 1900 3670 W3FYD Jack Alt K2IC Earl
Saturday 1000 7040 K2IC Earl Alt W3FYD Jack
Note: Jack always on 15 mins early for check-ins.

Phone:
Sunday 1345 7260 W2SF Milt Alt K2QXQ Grant
Thurs 0900 7260 W2OV Harry Alt K2IC Earl
" " or 3917 " " " "

Note: We plan on changing freq from 3917 to 7260 on the thurs net soon. Will advise later.

The most popular phone net is on Sunday with average of 12 check-ins. Saturday CW net averages 18.

Our CHOP Jack Schantz is working very hard to encourage more call-ins on the 3670 cw nets. We need you cw boys, even if your fists are not as good as before. You have lots of company. Patience is the word of our fine Net Controllers. Its also nice to hear our seagoing operators call in from Maritime, Mobile at times.

Wish to suggest you try checking in with other chapter nets, as you will be welcome. Bill Willmot K4TF of the Edison Chapter; Ed W4NH and Jake W3DUG of the Washington Area chapter and Steve WB9UAD of the Inland Seas chapter, all are available from our area. I have had luck in checking in with the Golden Gate and Jack Binns chapter 80 meter nets, also. And dont forget our CHOP Oscar on the transcon 20 meter nets.

Hope to see many of you on our Sowp 1980 QSO party.
73 Earl Korf K2IC

PACIFIC COAST CW NET NEWS

The attendance for members of the Pacific Coast CW Net Roll Call has been excellent. Over the past three weeks an average of 59 members have been present or excused out of a total of 75 active members. we thank you all for your faithful attendance.

We certainly wish to thank W6EAS, Lorin De Merritt for his fine cooperation in supplying weekly news items from Bill Breniman for the Net Bulletin. This is in addition to the monthly "Skipper's Log" that Bill Breniman supplies.

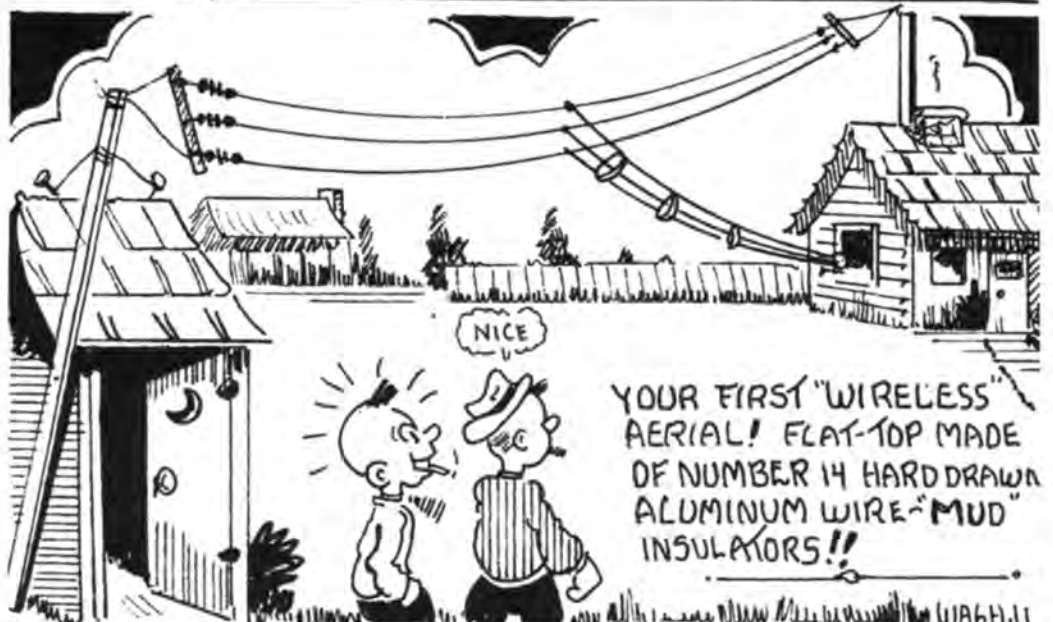
We also wish to thank W7ITJ, John Dudley, Seattle for not only being an alternate CHOP on this net but for the fine and informative code runs John is making on the Net Frequency after the Net has cleared. This quality CW is being sent on John's Boehme sending head with tape made up on a Klienschmidt Perforator. We have a number of interesting groups of radiomen from the various services such as Navy, Army, USMC, Sea Going, Great Lakes, Airlines, Police CW, FAA and others. One such group, all from the former 11th Signal Company, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Circa 1934 to 1939 is W7KD, W7BDE, W6CXI, WB6IXX, and W6ISX, with more in the offing.

We have other Alternate CHOP'S for the Net including W6UH, Ray Irvine, and W6EB, Elmer Burgman. We will gladly add other volunteers to this list.

Those of you wishing to add news for future columns please forward them to me and we will be happy to include them. Thanking you all we conclude with

TALOFA (from old Samoa)
Frank Hogan, W6ISX CHOP "HN"
Net Freq. 3555KHz. Thursday 2000 hours PST/FDST

DO YOU REMEMBER ?



SLOP CHEST SUPPLIES

COASTERS

New Items

- 24 Karat Gold plated metal border.
- Rich Royal Blue enamel background.
- Bright yellow flash.
- 24 Karat Gold plated metal lines and lettering



Military Clutch Back



Lapel Pins

WE HAVE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR A LAPEL PIN TO REPLACE THE STERLING SILVER "TACKETTE" PINS WE USED TO HANDLE BUT WHICH WERE PRICED OUT OF OUR INVENTORY. AT LAST WE HAVE A LAPEL PIN WHICH WE THINK IN SOME WAYS IS EVEN BETTER LOOKING THAN THE FORMER PIN AND AT A VERY REASONABLE COST, IE: \$3.50 EACH PPD. FIFTY CENTS ADDITIONAL IF YOU WISH SENT INSURED. THE ABOVE DIAGRAM WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA - IF YOU CAN VISUALIZE ITS BEAUTY. IT MEASURES 7/8" WIDE AND 7/16" HIGH. THE 24-K GOLD RIM WITH THE RICH ROYAL BLUE BACKGROUND AND BRIGHT YELLOW FLASH MAKE IT VERY OUTSTANDING. WE'LL REFUND YOUR MONEY IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MEMBERS WILL 'GO FOR THIS PIN IN A BIG WAY' ONCE THEY SEE IT.



A NEW ITEM which we think will have great appeal is our new MEDALLION COASTERS with Society LOGO beautifully etched in gold and other colors on moulded durable plastic circles 3-1/2" inches in diameter.

PATCHES

PATCH OR CREST EMBLEMS

THE DESIGN OF OUR DECALS IS ALSO DUPLICATED IN OUR 'PATCH' OR CREST EMBLEMS WHICH ARE NARROWER SO THEY CAN BE WORN ON THE SLEEVES AND WILL BE EASIER TO RECOGNIZE. THEY ARE BEAUTIFULLY EMBROIDERED ON A DURABLE AND WASHABLE COTTON TWILL WITH THE FINEST THREAD AVAILABLE AND IN NEARLY 10 MATCHING COLORS. PRICES ON PATCHES/CRESTS HAVE INCREASED. ALSO WE ARE NOW STOCKING THE 5"x3-1/4" INCH SIZE WHICH RUNS MORE IN PRICE THAN THE FORMER 3" SIZE. CURRENT PRICES ARE \$2.50 FOR THE SMALL SIZE PLUS 50¢ SHIPPING. PRICE ON THE 8" 'BACK-PATCH' IS \$6.50 PLUS \$1.00 SHIPPING COST. (\$7.50 TOTAL). NOTE: ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE ORDERED THIS ITEM AND HAVE THEM ON BACK-ORDER WILL BE FURNISHED THE LARGER SIZE AT NO INCREASE IN COST.

NOTE: ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PATCHES ON BACK-ORDER WILL BE SUPPLIED THE LARGER PATCH W/O EXTRA CHARGE.

New Decals



THE DECALS NOW OFFERED ARE A SLIGHTLY NEW DESIGN. THEY ARE MORE LEGIBLE AT A DISTANCE AND SLIGHTLY NARROWER THAN THE OLD ONES AND WILL FIT MANY SPACES BETTER.

ACTUAL SIZE IS 5" HIGH BY 3-1/4" WIDE. THE CONTRASTING DARK BLUE FIELD WITH GOLD TRIM MAKE THEM QUITE STRIKING.

COST OF DECALS HAS ALSO GONE UP - HOWEVER, WE PLACED A 'QUANTITY' ORDER THIS TIME TO SECURE A BETTER PRICE, HENCE CAN STILL OFFER THEM AT \$1.00 EACH PPD.

WE ARE SURE YOU WILL LIKE THEM. EASY TO APPLY AND DURABLE.

(A) BLUE FIELD (B) YELLOW FIELD

S.O.W.P. Member 'QSL' Cards

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our QSL-CARD Printer has increased our cost of printed cards by 40 percent as of April 28 1980. He has also increased the imprinting fees - example on 100 cards formally \$5.70, now cost \$9.60. Additionally U.P.S. raised their rates by 8 plus percent on May 1 1980. Due to these increased costs we will temporarily discontinue accepting orders on QSL CARDS until we find another printer who will offer the same quality cards at a reasonable price. We will let you know when we resume this item.

SCRIMSHAW



LABELS



2 WHITE ON RED 1-5/8" DIAMETER

2A WHITE ON RED 1" Dia.



SLOP CHEST ITEMS & PRICES	PER	+	SHIPPING
LABELS (1, 2 or 2A)	1.00/100		ppd
DECALS 5" x 3-1/4"	1.00/ea		ppd
Patch/Crest 5"x 3-1/4"	2.50/ea		50¢
Patch (Back - 8" (round)	6.50/ea		1.00
BANNERETTS	2.50/ea		1.00
MEDALLION COASTERS 3-1/2" round var. colors.	.50/ea		.25 mail

STATIONERY

Item & Quantity	50	100	300	Shipping costs
Letterheads 8 1/2 x 11"	2.00	3.75	10.00	Actual cost (*)
Note-heads	1.75	3.25	9.00	" "
Envelopes #6 small	2.50	4.00	11.50	" "
Envelopes #10 Large	3.00	5.50	14.50	" "

(*) NOTE: On stationery orders of \$7.50 or less add \$2.00 to order. We will send UPS or PP whichever cheapest and refund difference. On orders of over \$7.50 send \$3.50 additional and like refund will be made. If cost on larger orders is over \$3.50 we will bill you or charge your dues account.

IMPORTANT: Members living in Calif. should include the 6% State sales tax with each order. Do not overlook.

IMPORTANT SHIPPING NOTE:

We ship where possible in the U.S.A. by United Parcel Service as they give good service and the price is considerably lower than parcel post. We do however NEED YOUR STREET ADDRESS as they will not accept packages addressed to P.O. Boxes. Insurance is included in UPS mailings hence this will also give you a 50 or 85 cent savings. If items are to go by mail and you want them insured, include the extra cost of 50¢ to 15.00 and .85¢ above \$15.00. ANY OF OUR MEMBERS ORDERING IN CALIFORNIA SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE 6 percent State Sales tax. If any item is out of stock we will mark it (BO) Back-ordered and send ASSAP. Overpayment less than \$1.00 will be returned with small stamps (15¢). Over will be credited to your account. Check for refund will be sent if you wish.



BY WILLIAM A. BRENNAN

NEWS & VIEWS

ELECTION - 1980

The election for new officers to fill positions from 1980 until 1982 is over. Votes tallied and new officials confirmed. Leading the officers of the Society for this term will be our New President Judge James Harvey (Jim) Brown of Los Angeles. Prexy "Jim" has had quite an impressive career in the 'Pioneer Days' of wireless both on ships and at major stations such as KFS and KOK. He is a dynamic leader and we are happy to have him head up our wonderful organization. The slate chosen to support him have impressive credentials and we feel the Society is in good hands. We have an outstanding "Board of Governors" who I am sure will act as a 'balance wheel' to keep us "on course" at all times. The Society has made spectacular growth over the years and has become one of the prestigious organizations of the world, especially in the communications field. The past election will be an important milestone in the Society's history.

DUES - PAID YOURS ?

We would like to remind members who have not paid their 1980 dues that time is running out. We will be forced to place you on our "inactive list" if dues are not received before our next publication is mailed. **Reminder:** Dues are \$7.50 for 1980. We will forgive unpaid dues for previous year(s). If you wish to pay in advance - send \$25.00 for 3 years. Keeping in mind dues starting 1981 will be \$10.00 per year. (Those who paid their 1979 dues will receive a copy of the Directory)

FIND LOST SHIPMATES ?

It might be possible to locate old friends or shipmates, even if he is not a member by contacting our Director of Membership, John N. Elwood whose QTH is - 5716 North 34th Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85017. John has a card file on well over 10,000 radio operators to check from. It just might be he has your friend carded. All it costs is a S.A.S.E. and the time it takes to write. John will answer PDQ unless on a trip or QRL - taking time to look up all records.

DISPOSAL - HAM GEAR OF OUR SILENT KEYS

We frequently receive calls or letters from the XYL of our late member or relatives who seek information and advice on how to dispose of the equipment he has left and some idea of value. Often the burden falls on the shoulder of individuals who have no knowledge of its value or how to dispose of it and they are frequently 'short-changed' at a time they need help and funds most. We would like the names of members of the Society to whom we could refer inquiries and who would agree to furnish dependable and honest suggestions that would be beneficial under the circumstances. If you will volunteer to help - please let me know and I'll list you on our referral list for such help.

CLASSIFIED PAGE ?

We have received a number of suggestions from members that we include a page on which "want-ads" could be placed by members only. We think such an idea has some merit but we think it should be restricted to only a few classifications. Coming to mind: "Anyone knowing the whereabouts of John Doe, please contact: James J. Slipperside, 1234 Anchor Lane, Marine City NY 10021 (Serial 4576). Other: "What has become of the SS Condor? We would not charge for insertion but to provide space, it should be limited to perhaps 150 words and we would not run the same ad twice. Any suggestions pro and con ?

LIFE DUES PAID - GOLD CARD MEMBERS

The Directors authorized payment of "LIFE DUES" at their meeting June 20 1979. This has been published previously in the JOURNAL. Review previous issues for conditions but for quick reference these dues are as follows: (with 1980 dues paid) SENIOR-SGP - \$25.00; SGP - \$50.00 P-\$100; V - \$150.00 and M & TA - \$225.00. At the present time we have the following LIFE DUES PAID MEMBERS: SSGP-7; SGP-25; P-10; V-4; M/TA - 2. Suitable cards and recognition will be furnished all of these members in due time.

HOLD ORDERS FOR "QSL" CARDS

Due to a 40% increase in the cost of QSL cards by our printer and an added increase of 8% plus by United Parcel Service, we find it necessary to phase out orders until we can make suitable arrangements with some printer to handle. Perhaps our members might help us contact a printer who would like the account and can furnish the same quality at a reasonable cost. We have sold hundreds of thousands of these cards around the world and there is a never-ending call for them. We would like to relieve HQ. of most of the work in handling orders etc. and wondering if some printing firm might find it quite profitable.

CORRESPONDENCE

There is no one in the Society who enjoys hearing from members and old friends more than YE ED. Many probably think because they do not get a prompt "QSL" that I am not interested or considers their letters too unimportant to answer. This simply isn't the case. I would thoroughly enjoy answering EVERY PIECE OF MAIL I RECEIVE PERSONALLY. I would indeed do just that... IF I HAD THE TIME. There are hundreds of letters I receive every month I simply do not have the time to answer. I hope you realize the vast amount of time it takes to handle the many phases of our operations which are so demanding. Never get the idea that I have 'lost interest'. It simply isn't so. PLEASE ... do keep your letters coming and if you don't hear from me, charge it to the fact that even a 48-hour day would hardly allow me to handle all the correspondence we receive. I have taken many short cuts by using printed forms, QSL type cards for abbreviated answers, etc. Also many of our officers handle correspondence for me which I appreciate very much. I am hopeful that with the new organizational set-up that the various heads of Services will take and relieve me of some of the workload that has become so demanding.

CHECKING UP

ANTIQUE GEAR - AMATEUR - COMMERCIAL - BDC.

We need several correspondents to answer letters we receive quite frequently re: the value of early day equipment they either may own or are considering the purchase. This seems to come up most frequently from those with receiving sets of early vintage. We would appreciate if any of our members interested in this field would volunteer to give these inquiries professional advice and honest evaluations which we can depend upon to be reasonably accurate and correct.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS - CALL LETTERS - SILENT KEYS

Since we hope to the the 1980 DIRECTORY printed in the next 60 days we have decided to eliminate the above categories since it would be duplicated in the Directory, except CALL LETTERS which we plan to publish as a separate book apart from the Directory. There is little point in using up considerable space when it will be available shortly

STATIC ROOM EDITION

Since this edition is committed mostly to member personnel matters and records, we thought there is a tie-in with the old "Static Rooms" we used to 'haunt' maintained by the operating (wireless) companies for a source of operators to man the various jobs that came along day by day. Ye Ed has spent many an hour 'chewing the rag' with operators on the beach or from ships in port - perhaps waiting their turn to hand in abstracts, or get supplies, etc. etc. These smoke filled rooms filled many an enjoyable hour for the boys in port and it was sort of a focal point where one could meet and listen to the eclate whose loquacity stimulated our young imaginations ... Cloud 9 to India, Shanghai, the East Indies ! When our new found friend departed we were suddenly hit with the stark reality of life ... 35c in our pocket ... just enough to buy a cup of coffee and a dish of baked beans at Foster's cafeteria. Oh Well ... it was fun.

SAD NOTE

We are sorry indeed to have to pass along the information that our CHIEF OPERATOR (CHOP) Oscar T. Harrison (207-P) became a Silent Key May 4 1980. He had been ailing in health for some time. Oscar had suggested to us in late February that we relieve him as he felt his health would not permit him to do a good job. He suggested we try and persuade John McKinney to 'take over' the TRANSCON NET and assume the position of Chief Operator for the Society. His reason was (a) That John's station W0AP, located near the geographic center of the US with a good signal would probably be better located than any one he knew. (b) He reported John to be a very excellent operator and felt he would do an outstanding job as CHOP. We contacted John and he has accepted the appointment. He will carry the heritage of a wonderful past into the future. We will have to thank Oscar posthumously for his continuing effort on behalf of the Society to continue good leadership in a field many of our members find a lot of pleasure.

ARTISTRY OF FRED ROSEBURY

Thanks to Fred for the "Banner Heading" on the cover of this issue. Fred's editing and drawing ability will become very evident in the coming ALMANAC which the Society has scheduled for publication this year. Fred recently publish a book (400 pages) of Pictorial Symbols which is outstanding in its field. We are fortunate to have Fred aboard as our Assistant Editor. Many good stories waiting to be published in coming issues of the JOURNAL.

REWARD FOR SPONSORING NEW MEMBERS

We would like to remention the standing offer of the Society to reward members for their effort in recruiting members for the Society. The reward for any CALENDAR YEAR: A year's PAID DUES for 5 (or over) members recruited. A Society LAPEL PIN for 3 members solicited and 1 Decal for each member recruited. Be sure to imprint your name or have applicant show your name on APPLICATION FORM so that you may be credited (QSP). John Elwood keeps the records on all appointments, however all applications should be sent to HQ.

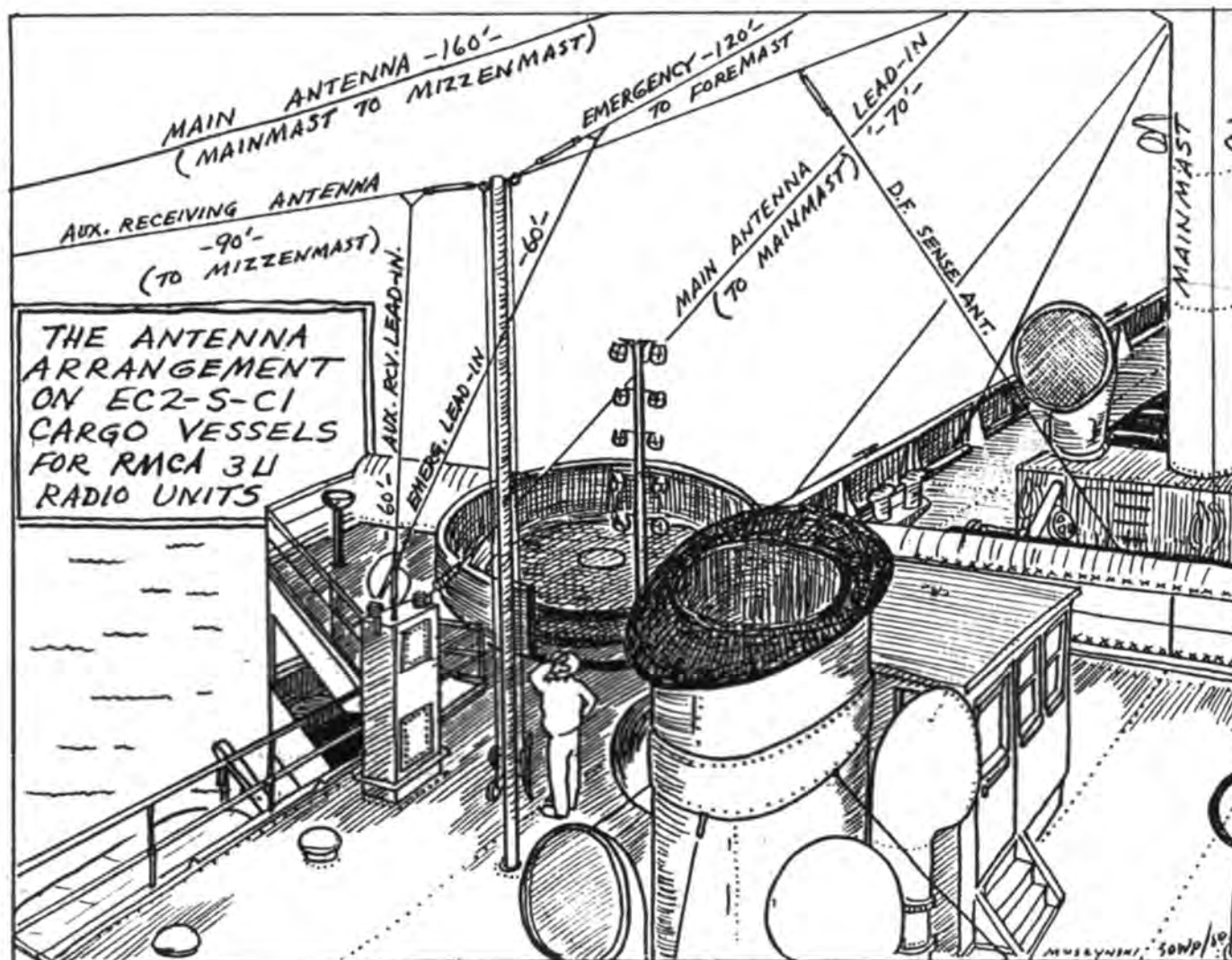
STATUS OF PUBLICATIONS

One of Oscar Harrison's last note to Ye Ed said ... " I just read a sign in a nice restaurant near here which reads THE HURRIER I GO, THE BEHINDER I GET". Oscar did not get to read the 'whimsey' at the bottom of Page 15 in this issue. Even Napoleon had his problems back in the 1800's. WHEN IS THE DIRECTORY COMING OUT ? Well we 'junked' the last one worked up a year ago because of so many changes of address and new members. We have started from scratch on a new one and hope to have it out by summer (if you get it before, it will be a bonus). We hope to resume the JOURNAL at a faster clip. The CALL BOOK by early summer. The Almanac by Fall. All subject to the whim of the Editor, the caprice of nature and the Post Office... SO please dear member don't point your fickle finger at me for being late without also taking into consideration the crotchety nature of our state government agencies and the IRS; the unpredictable vagaries of the U.S. Mail - not to mention foreign mail service; the changeable and unpredictable prices of printing and the faltering state of our national pride or the foible condition of our economy. One must view the whole picture to get the true perspective before nominating YE ED for the "CULPABILITY PRIZE" (with three lightning flashes). DIT-DIT-DIT-DAH-DIT-DAH.



Our Wavelength is Brotherly Love

Remember the "Seagoing Antenna-Farms" on the Liberty Ships ?



"HOIST THE BIRD CAGES !"

Dear Bill:

346 East Kaley Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32806

I thought I would send you this drawing which I sketched atop the deck house of the good old Liberty ship. I left out the 'Bosun' as he usually stomped away with a string of oaths as he finished getting the last wire of the depicted "bird cage" aloft after stowing the booms on hatches two, three, and four. He could leave hatch booms on one and five until the last as those two hatches did not interfere with the antennas.

Perhaps you can use these in one of the upcoming publications. I had to make them large enough to get in all the detail. I am sure the many Sparks who manned the Liberties will get a whiff of amusement when they again see the horror of that maze of wires that had to be lowered each time cargo was worked in hatches 2, 3 and 5.

Best wishes and I will send more from time to time.

73

John N. Muszynski - 1618-V

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